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JOSE LUIS DIEZ MAKES FUTILE DASH TO ESCAPE

Gibraltar, To-day.

The Spanish Government destroyer, "Jose Luis Diez," which has been laid up in Gibraltar for several weeks for repairs following an engagement with Nationalist warships, made her long-expected break for freedom yesterday.

The vessel could not get far, however, as she ran into Nationalist warships, among which is believed to have been the modern cruiser "Canarias," which had been lying in wait outside British territorial waters for over a week.

Following an engagement with the Nationalist vessels, the "Jose Luis Diez" was forced aground near Gibraltar, but not before she is reported to have rammed and sunk the Nationalist mine-layer "Jupiter."

The destroyer is now landing a few wounded but it is understood that the vessel was not hit. —Reuter.

CHIANG KAI-SHEK APPLAUDED

"A speech of great historic value" is the comment of the "Ta Kung Pao" on Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's lengthy declaration refuting Konoye's statement of December 22.

The "Sing Tao Jih Pao" observes that the speech dispels rumours of peace overtures.

BRITISH PROTEST TO FRANCO

London, To-day.

The British Government has lodged a protest with the Franco Government against the detention of the Greek steamer, Atlas, at Palma de Majorca.

Although the ship is not British, part of the cargo worth \$10,000 is British-owned and a large part of the cargo is insured in England. —Trans-Ocean.

Plans have been completed for the construction of aircraft factories in Australia, it was announced yesterday.

In an editorial the "Daily Telegraph" says that the new factories will serve a triple strategic end. They will secure the provision of aircraft needed by the Commonwealth for its own defences.

London, To-day.

BISERTA NAVAL BASE STRENGTHENED

Paris, To-day.

The French naval base at Biserta, in Tunisia, has been greatly strengthened and improved in the past year, according to French circles.

Facilities are now provided, it is stated, for accommodation of the combined French and British Mediterranean Fleets.

Ships of 26,000 tons can now enter the harbour which is being dredged for 35,000-ton capital ships.

Extensive munitions magazines have been constructed in bomb-proof depots. —Trans-Ocean.

FRENCH ACTION EXASPERATES ITALIANS

Rome, To-day.

The Italian press reveals "exasperation" at the announcement of the despatch of French troops and of two French warships to Djibouti.

The step is described as "new provocation," plainly contradicting the French official statement discounting reports of Italian troops movements on the Somaliland border.

"Tribuna" says also that such provocation is senseless seeing that negro battalions, even with the aid of warships, would not hold up for a single moment the eventual advance of Italian troops. —Trans-Ocean.

SLOVAKS WANT TERRITORY BACK

Bratislava, To-day.

A demand for return to Czechoslovakia of territory transferred to Hungary will be made at a big demonstration here to-morrow (Saturday).

The demonstration has been organised by Dr. Karl Sidor, deputy Premier of Czechoslovakia. —Reuter.

PEIPING-HANKOW LINE STOPPED FOR TROOPS

Peiping, To-day.

All passenger and freight traffic on the Peiping-Hankow (north to south) Railway has been suspended for six days to facilitate Japanese troop movements, according to Chinese quarters.

Japanese military quarters, however, are reticent, and it is not known whether the troops are moving in or out of China. —Reuter.

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It is not a Jew, nor a Russian, nor a Frenchman that Hitler hates most in all the world.

It is a fellow-Austrian — the Archduke Otto, heir to the Habsburg throne of Austria-Hungary. If ever Otto sets foot on German land he will face trial on charge of high treason, punishable with death.

Any other of the family who sat for so many centuries in Charlemagne's seat may expect the same treatment. Hitler loathes the whole brood and has never made a secret of it. Remembering the fate of the young Bourbon princeling, the Due d'Enghien, whom Dictator Napoleon seized from beyond his border, tried for treason and shot in one night, the Archduke Otto may decide to keep wide of the Third Reich.

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"Red Plot, Red Riots in Vienna!" ran the Nazi newspaper headlines as the German army marched in to annex Austria this spring. But the first men that the Gestapo police seized were not Communists or Socialists. They were Monarchists.

Hitler did not fear the illegal "Red Front" nor even the official "Fatherland Front," which backed the Government of Chancellor Schuschnigg. He calculated that in a moment of crisis and confusion only one man could wrest the victory from his fist, only one leader could hope to inspire the loyalty of millions, and he another exile from his country—the heir of the once glorified and never-forgotten Habsburg dynasty, Otto.

So archdukes, princes, counts, barons were herded into the prisons and concentration camps. Jews Government supporters, trade unionists and Socialists came only second in the line. Contemptuously Marshal Goering spoke in his triumphant speech to a vast audience of "that little playboy of a Habsburg who chatters too much." A few days later the capital ban was laid against Otto.

Why the hate? What is the vendetta here?

It goes back to the origins of Mein Kampf, to the youth of Hitler, wretched, hungry and alone in cynical, callous, glittering Vienna before the war. It goes down into the soul itself of Nazism.

It is not that Hitler is jealous of a rival, that the upstart usurper detests the legitimate heir. IT IS THAT HITLER BELIEVES THAT THERE CAN NEVER BE A GREATER GERMANY WITH A HABSBURG EMPIRE.

Even before he ever saw Vienna Hitler the schoolboy, had made up his mind about the Habsburgs.

"From my earliest youth I was convinced that Austria's destruction was a vital condition for the security of the German Race; and what is more that the House of Habsburg was bent on doing positive harm to the German Race. Thus I drew the moral. Henceforth for me it was to be intense love for my German-Austrian home — and deep, abiding hatred against the Austrian State."

The "Austrian State" of fifty millions was a conglomerate of Germans, Hungarians, Czechs, Slovaks, Poles, Serbs, Croats, Ruthenians—and Jews! Hitler describes them in the same phrase as Mr. Lloyd



Hitler loathes Archduke Otto not through jealousy but because, he says, the Habsburgs were the patrons and protectors of the Czechs.

George, "a ramshackle Empire." There was only one way of holding them together, and that was by vigorous "German" government from the Centre. The Germans, indeed, did what real governing there was ("aided perhaps by a few Hungarians") and also were the source of all the real music, architecture and sculpture and painting, but were getting a raw deal. In return for all their labours they were simply being de-Germanised, because the aim of the Government was actually to create a Slav State.

On the European plane it should have been obvious that Italy could never be a loyal partner of the so-called Triple Alliance. The Italians, who had no quarrel with Germany, had an age-old vendetta with the Habsburg dynasty which for so long had forbidden them from creating a united Italy. So Italy, who could not yet fight Austria, became her ally with the plain intention of deserting her at the first chance. History has recorded the event.

Who was doing that criminal work? The Czechs! And who was the patron and protector of the Czechs? The Habsburgs!

"The 'Arch House' itself tried to spread Czech ideas wherever possible," says Hitler. The heir to the throne, Archduke Franz Ferdinand, was married morganatically to a Czech countess, Sophie Chotek. He had become Czech in his family life. He had become the personification of the State that his end must seem in the heading the pan-Slav movement, eyes of the mass of the people to be working from the very fountain of the head of the State. Even so, the State itself. And history has recorded that. They killed him at Serajevo.

"It was the hand of the Goddess of Eternal Justice and Inevitable Retribution that caused the most deadly enemy of Germanism in Austria, the Archduke Franz Ferdinand, to fall by the very bullets that he had himself helped to mould!"

But Germany, too, was to pay bitterly. Her alliance with the shadow State of Austria had laid the germ for all the world tragedy that followed. Those German-Austrians who realised the betrayal of Germanism that was being enacted were mortified and stultified by the formal entente between the heads of the two States. Indeed, when Hitler, then in Munich, first heard of the murder of the Archduke he dreaded that the bullets had been fired from German revolvers, and he expected "a new wave of per-

So Germany, chained to the carcass of this rotting State, went into the abyss. She, too, had to fight. War opened its fearful maw.

Hitler fell on his knees, thanked God, and wept for joy. But he would not fight for hateful Austria. On August 3 he petitioned King Ludwig III. of Bavaria for leave to serve in a Bavarian regiment of the line. The same day he was accepted. He entered on four years of hell and horror, mud and boredom, "the greatest and most unforgettable period of my life."

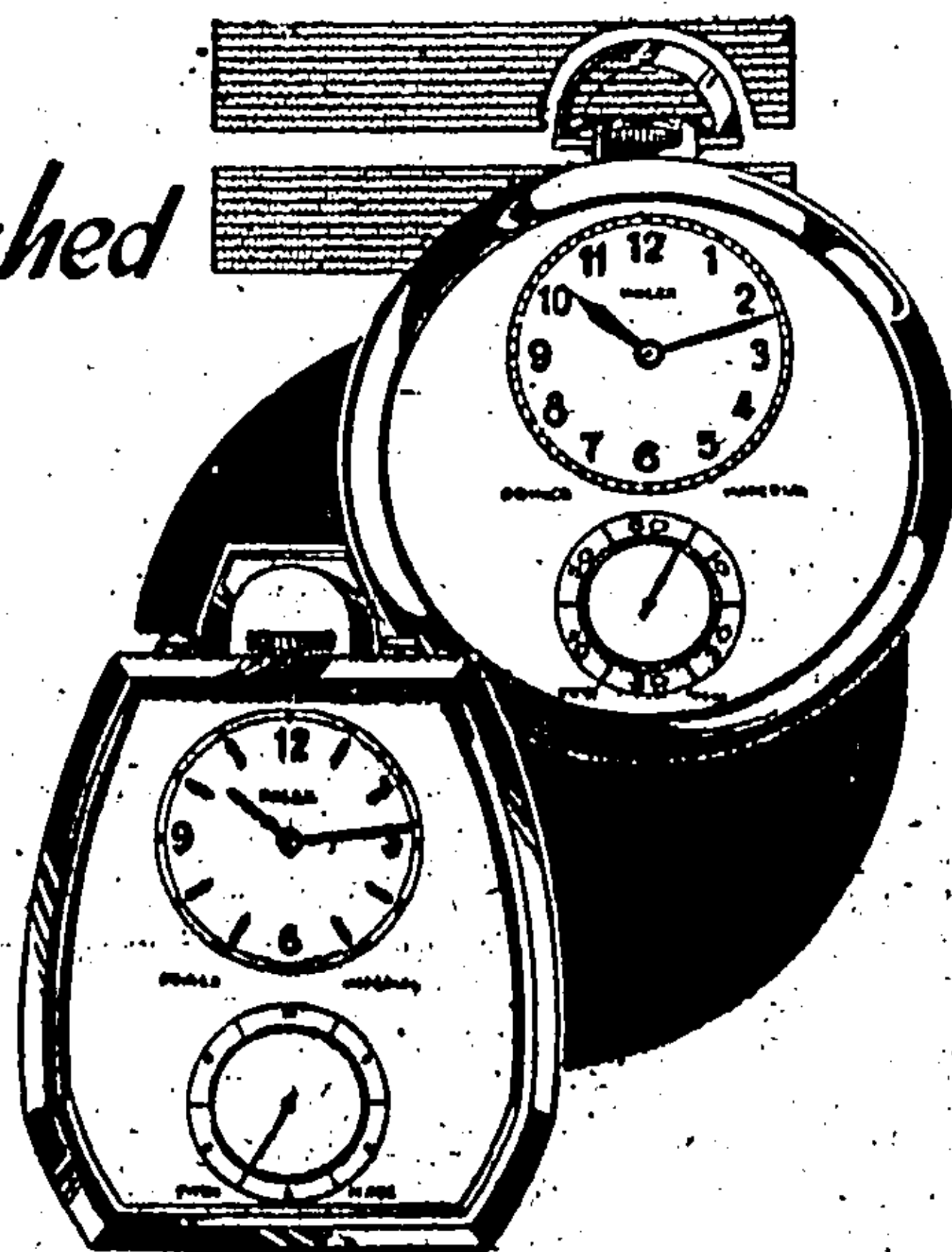
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ATTEMPTED CLEAN-UP IN SHANGHAI: BRITISH TROOPS COOPERATING

Shanghai, To-day.

A large-scale police and military drive against armed bandits was begun last night in the western fringe of the International Settlement following Wednesday's hold-up of a party of fifteen Britons and Americans in this area.

As a result of a conference between the police and the British military authorities a scheme of barbed wiring was begun and detachments of police, with pistols drawn, the Russian Regiment, Volunteers and the East Surreys, patrolled and searched the area.

The neighbourhood of the spot where the hold-up took place, was divided into three sectors, the police and Volunteers stationing three men on roads at intervals of 400 yards in their sector.

Nearly 200 armed men were to patrol the area at all times between 6 p.m. yesterday and 6 a.m. to-day, full service kit being worn by the soldiers participating.—Reuter.

PREMIER OFF TO YORKSHIRE

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister and Mrs. Chamberlain left London yesterday afternoon for a short holiday in Yorkshire, where they will be guests of Lord and Lady Swinton.

Mr. Chamberlain will return to London early in the New Year prior to his departure on January 10 for Rome.—British Wireless.

CHANGE IN CONTROL OF SKODA WORKS CONFIRMED

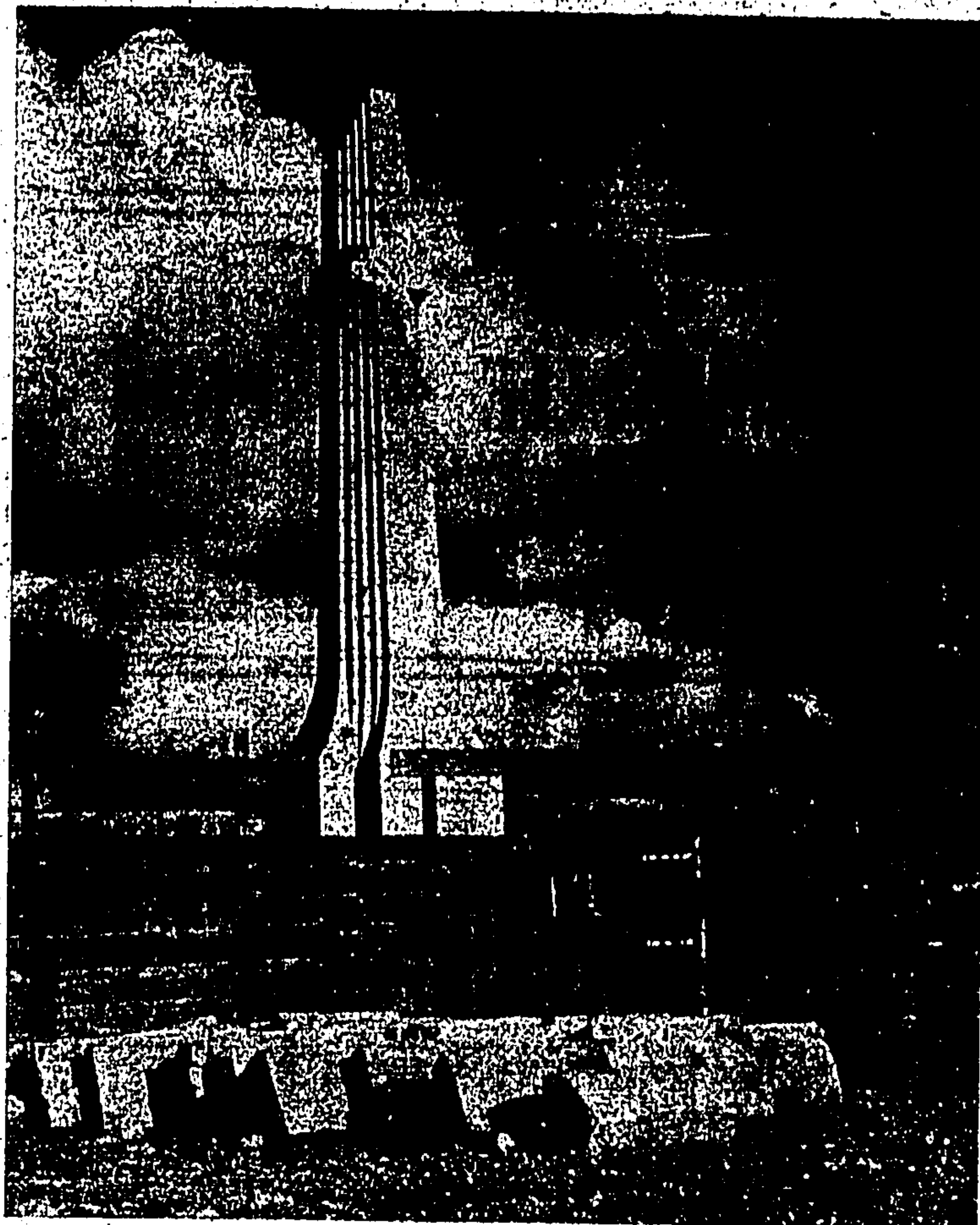
Paris, To-day.

It is now confirmed that control of the Skoda armament works, in Czecho-Slovakia, has passed out of French hands.

The announcement was made here yesterday that "in view of the situation created by recent happenings in Central Europe, the French group which held a block of shares carrying control of the Skoda works has agreed to hand over the shares to a Czech group vouched for by the Czech Government."

It will be recalled that a fortnight after the Munich Conference, a rumour was current that Krupps, the German armament works, had acquired control of the Skoda works.

A denial was issued, however.—Reuter.



Malta's War Memorial which was unveiled on Armistice Day by His Excellency Sir Charles Bonham-Carter. The memorial has taken several years to build. The Maltese were allowed to enlist in the British Army during the Great War and it is interesting to note that certain regiments stationed at Malta have recently been authorised to enlist two Maltese a year.

BRITISH SHIP BELIEVED SUNK

London, To-day.

The ship was bombed to the west of Gibraltar at 39 degrees N., 1 degree W. Lloyd's radio station at Gibraltar has intercepted an S.O.S. message from the British steamer, received, had taken to the boats. Marjunga, stating that the ship has been a victim of a bombing attack. Trans-Ocean.

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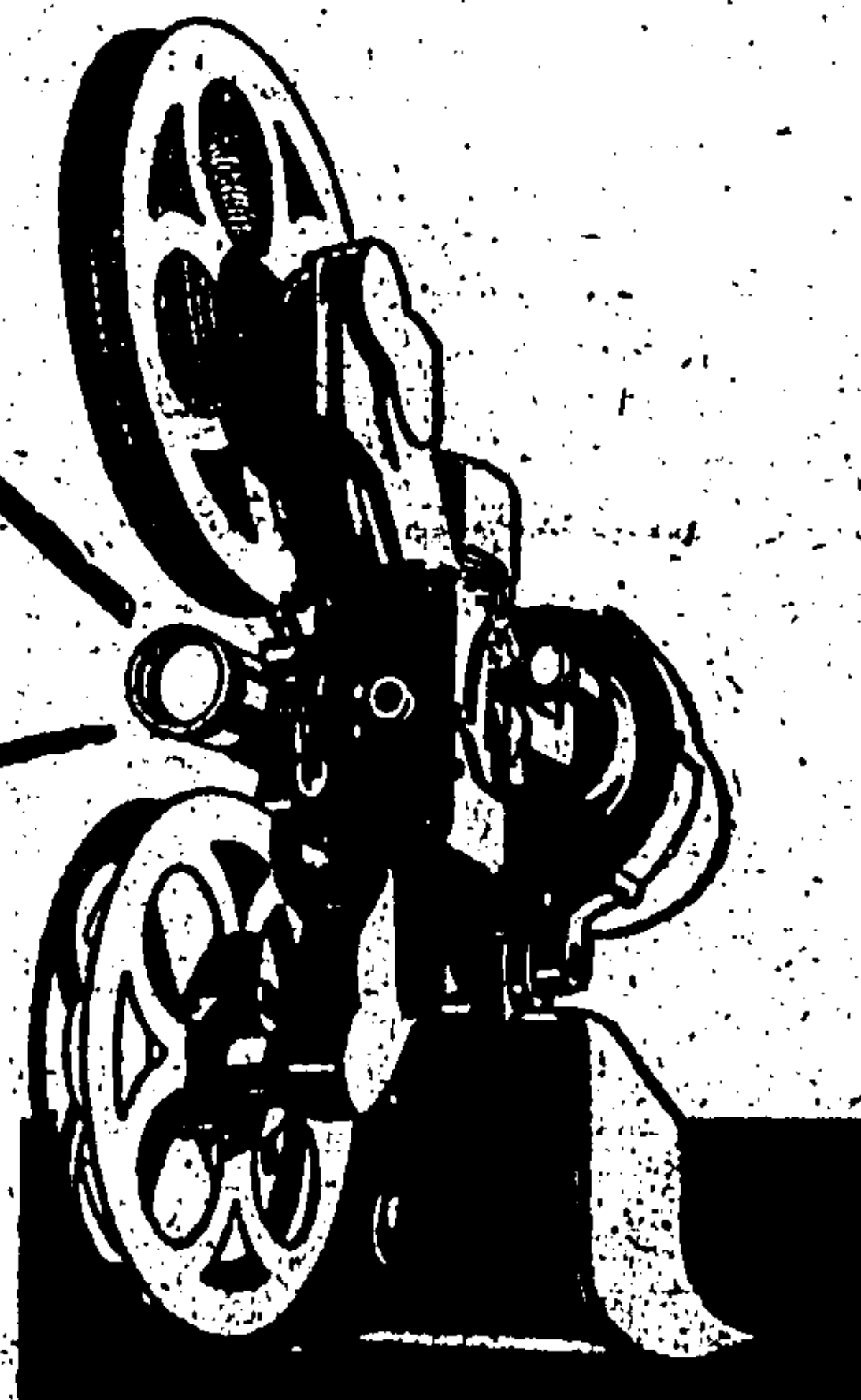
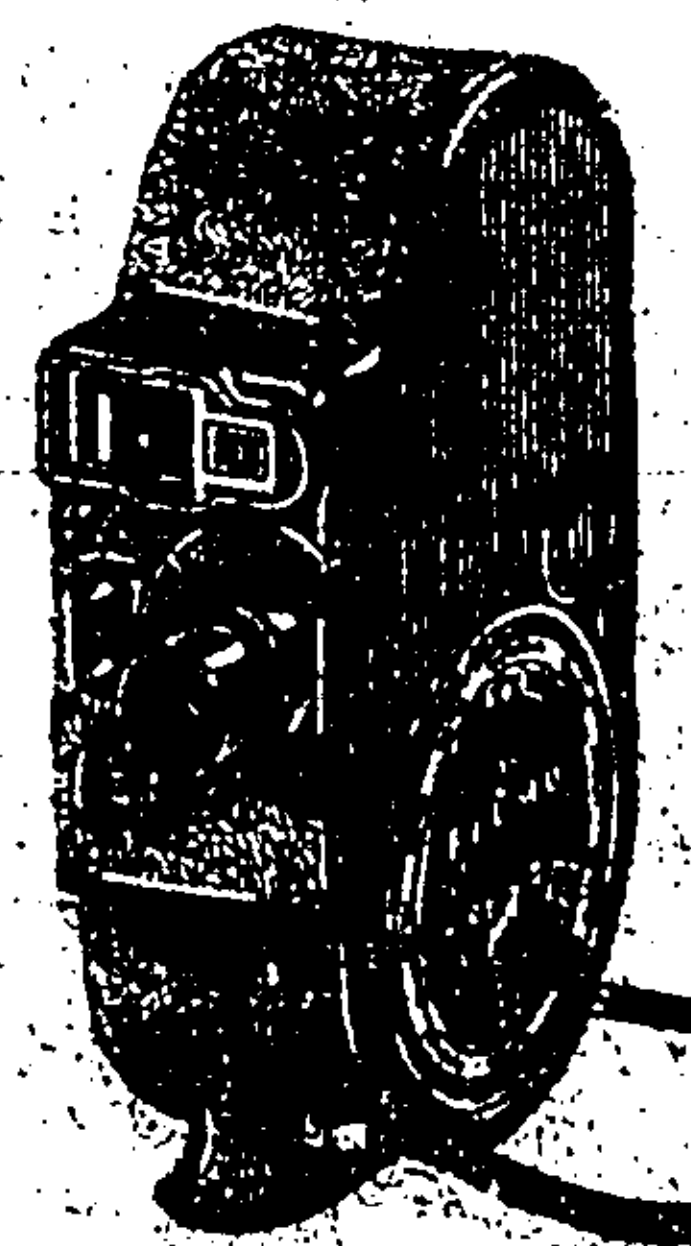
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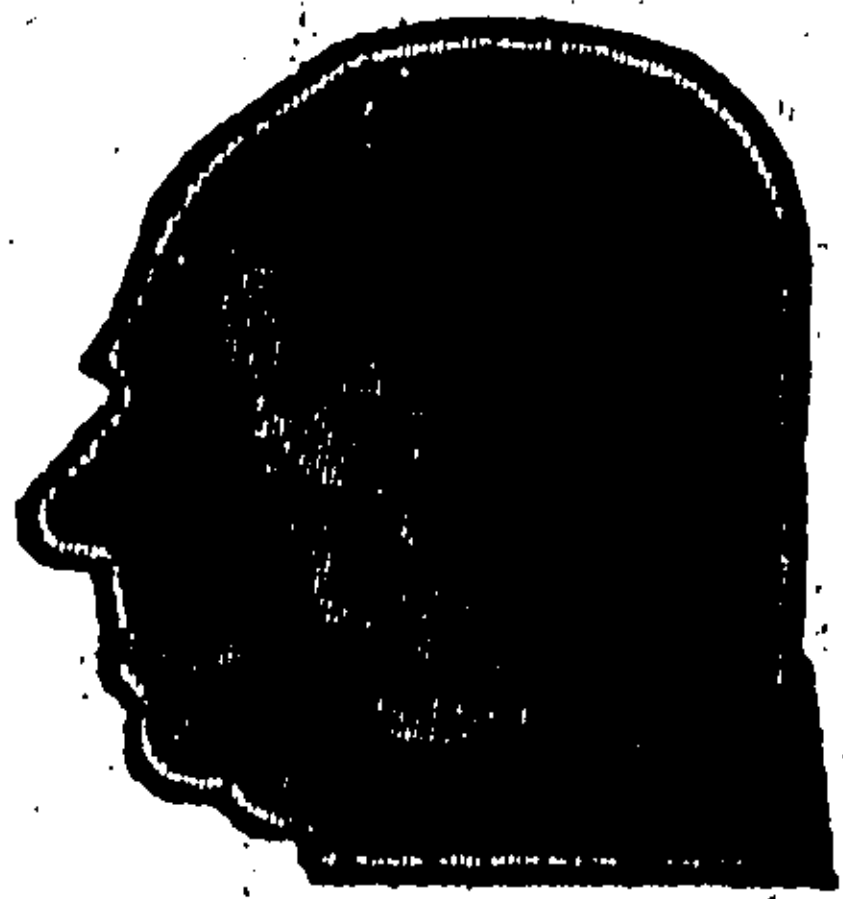
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National System For Secondary Schools Urged

London, To-day.

In its report of the inquiry which has been pro-
ceeding for five years, the Consultative Com-
mittee expresses the view that secondary edu-
cation in the past has been too exclusively
academic.They recommended a new type of school to be called
a "technical high school" to take selected boys
at 11 and to provide a 5-years' course.In the first two years the curri-
culum will be similar to other se-
condary schools, and later the course
will follow more modern lines with
science as its central feature.A new type of internal examina-
tion with leaving certificate to be
taken at 16 is suggested.Technical high schools are to
be developed out of the present
junior technical schools in building
and engineering, and they will be
equivalent in status to grammar
schools.

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' FUNCTION

The Committee consider that
grammar schools should continue
as hitherto to provide education
mainly for boys and girls likely to
go to university, and urge that
greater freedom be allowed schools
in shaping their curriculum.Suggestions for ensuring that
pupils shall be allowed their indi-
vidual tastes and capacities are made,
and the Committee stress the im-
portance of good teaching of spoken
and written English as the central
feature of the curriculum in these
schools.

SINGLE NATIONAL SYSTEM

Looking beyond these immediate
proposals, the Committee favour a
single national system of schools
for pupils between eleven and six-
teen. In this system there would
be grammar schools, technical high
schools, modern selective schools
and senior schools.They think that ultimately all
these types should be under one
secondary code.—British Wireless.During the week ending at 8 a.m.
on Saturday, the 24th inst., there
were altogether 91 traffic accidents,
in the Colony, as the result of which
2 persons were killed and 44 per-
sons were injured.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET SENSATION

New York, To-day.

The Stock Exchange authori-
ties announce the expulsion of J.
A. Sisto, a member of the Ex-
change since 1931.Sisto was found guilty of con-
duct inconsistent with the just
and equitable principles of trade.
—Reuter.

BRADDOCK TO MEET HARVEY

London, To-day.

The promoter, Armand Vincent,
announces that he has arranged a
contest between the "ex-world
heavyweight champion, James J.
Braddock, who intimated after he
had lost the title to Joe Louis that
he would retire for good, and Len
Harvey, the British heavyweight
champion, at Earl's Court, London,
on either May 10 or 11.Mr. Vincent intends to match the
winner with Tommy Farr. If this
happens to be Harvey then
Harvey's British heavyweight title
will be at stake.—Reuter.The time signal given by means
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PRIME MINISTER'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE: NO CONCESSIONS TO FORCE

London, To-day.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain feels that if the past year has brought its trials, these were outweighed by gains.

He expresses this view in a New Year message to "Home and Empire."

Referring to rearmaments, the Prime Minister says: "Our armed strength enables us to say in the councils of the nations that, seeking friendship with all peoples, we shall meet in a spirit of reasonableness and fair dealing but we will not make concessions to force."

Referring to the past year, Mr. Chamberlain says: "Rejecting the view that war is inevitable, and that our only task is to prepare for it, I have consistently sought to remove possible causes of war, and by direct consultation and discussion to secure a new and more full measure of confidence and understanding between nations."

"My hope and aim is that by this means the international problems of our time may be settled in a spirit of conciliation and co-operation."—Reuter.

FRANCO REPLY ON DAMAGE TO BRITISH SHIPS

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS UNDER CONSIDERATION THE REPLY-RECEIVED FROM GENERAL FRANCO ON THE QUESTION OF PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION FOR DAMAGE DONE TO BRITISH SHIPS TRADING WITH SPAIN.

It is anticipated that the Note will be submitted to the committee of British shipowners trading with Spain for their consideration.

The communication constitutes a reply to the plan evolved between the British Government and the committee of ship owners and confidentially submitted to France.—British Wireless.

CONFIDENTIAL PLAN

The compensation plan is confidential, but Reuter understands that it is an elaboration of the previous plan under which compensation would be paid in the case of bombing considered deliberate by a commission specially set up to adjudicate.

The previous plan broke down after it was learned that General Franco intended compensations not to be paid immediately but after the civil war was concluded.—Reuter.

ANOTHER JEWISH TRAGEDY

Budapest, December 23.

Dr. Leon Liebermann, famous Jewish eye specialist, committed suicide to-day shortly after publication of the new anti-Semitic laws promulgated in Hungary.

He was found dead, with a bullet through his brain, fallen across the text of the new laws. His wife found the body. The deceased was 55 years old.—Havas.

WANG HU-LIN SHOT DEAD

Tientsin, To-day.

Wang Hu-lin, chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Salt Commissioner, was killed on Wednesday night by a gunman who fired three times at him as he emerged from a restaurant in the French Concession.

Mr. Wang, who was an octogenarian, was a noted Chinese boxing enthusiast.—Reuter.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY IN AUSTIN ROAD

Six men are alleged to have been involved in a highway robbery which occurred at about 6.30 p.m. last night in Austin Road, Kowloon, near St. Mary's School.

Victim was a Chinese woman, who was blinded by pepper thrown into her eyes. Her purse containing \$120 was stolen.

A hat and a packet of pepper were picked up by police investigators, but no arrests have yet been made.

CHINESE NIGHT RAID TACTICS

Chungking, To-day.

The Japanese at Yoyang on the Canton-Hankow Railway are guarding a line southeast of the city to check the Chinese counter-offensive. Frequent night raids staged by the Chinese have kept the Japanese extremely busy.—Central News.

The E. and A. steam ship "Nankin" will leave for Manila, Rabaul, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Hobart on Saturday at 11 a.m.

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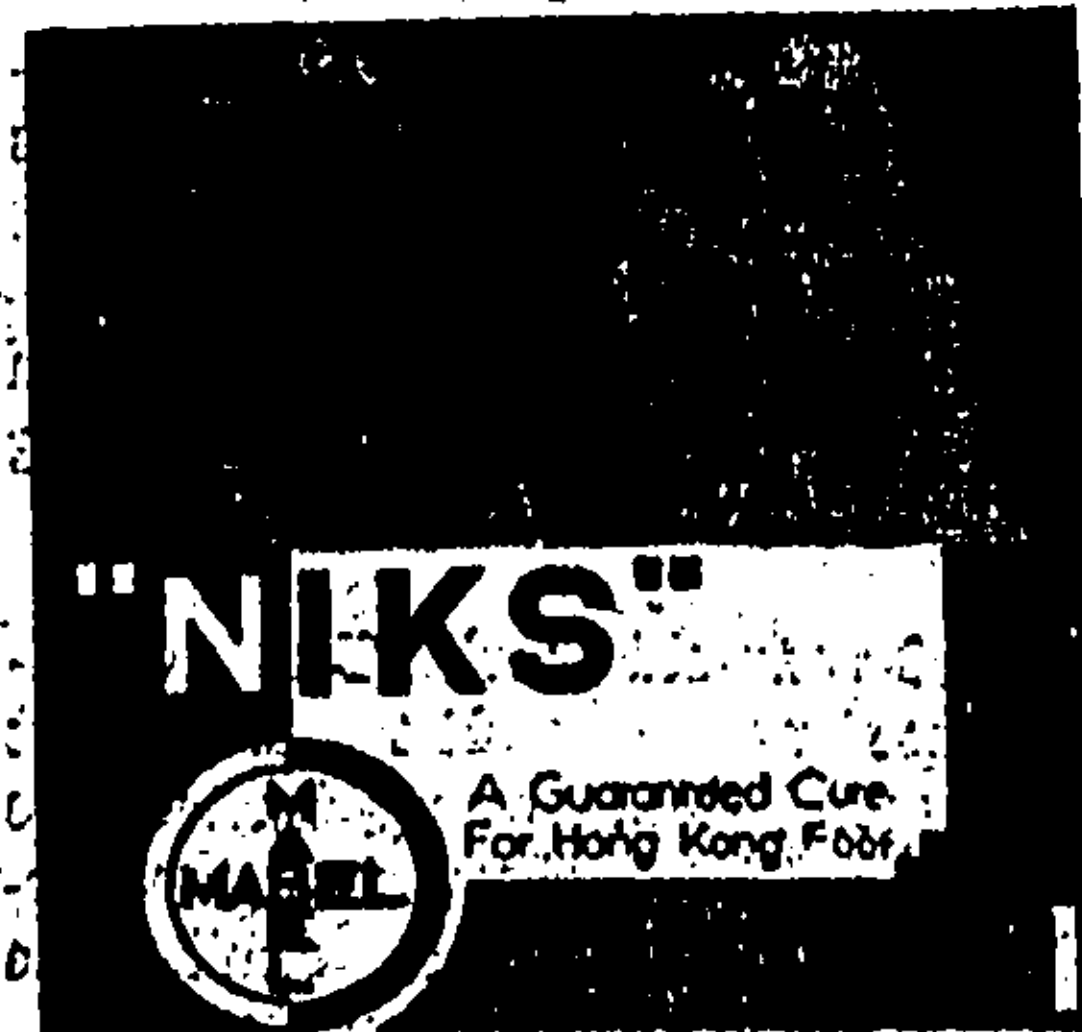
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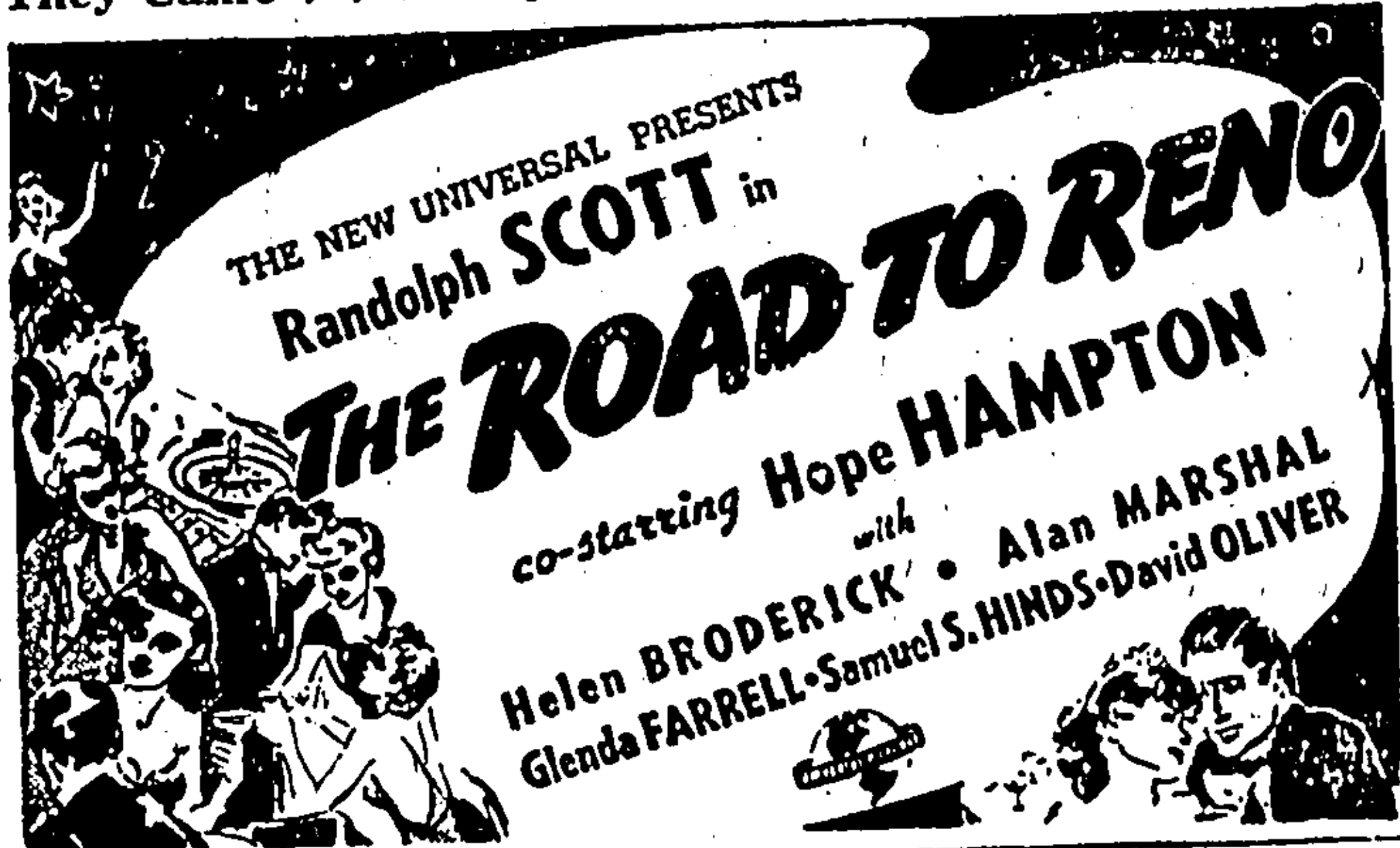
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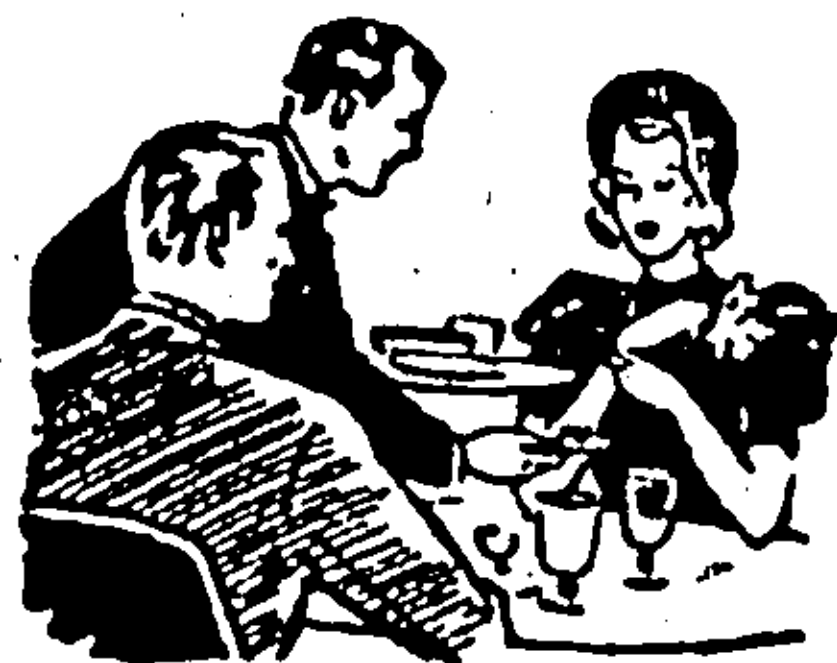


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M. DALADIER'S NAVAL ESCORT TO CORSICA

Paris, To-day.

The naval units which will form M. Daladier's escort on his journey to Corsica and Tun's next month will it is announced, now consist of two cruisers, the Foch and the Colbert, as well as three destroyers. The Premier will be received at the Corsican port, Bastia, by the Minister of Marine, M. Campinchi who is himself Corsican.

M. Campinchi will leave Toulon for Bastia on board the cruiser "Suffren," but will not accompany M. Daladier to Tunis. — Trans-Ocean.

FRENCH VIEW ON ROME DEMANDS DEFINED

London, To-day.

The diplomatic correspondent of the "Evening News" believes that the French attitude towards the Italian claims, as a result of diplomatic conversations in Paris and London, can be defined as follows:

- (1) rejection of all Italian territorial claims,
- (2) grant of special conditions for the use of Djibouti harbour,
- (3) possible concessions, concerning the Suez Canal.

The French Government, according to the "Evening News," insists on direct negotiations with Italy without Mr. Chamberlain's mediation. — Trans-Ocean.

Mr. A. Temple, of H.M.S. Tamar, was bitten on the wrist by a dog owned by Miss J. Smirke, of Hankow Road, at the Naval Dockyard yesterday.

NAZI COMMENT ON VERNON BARTLETT

Berlin, To-day.

"The feverish haste with which the fountain pens of some journalists move along the map of Europe is really amazing," remarks the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung," referring to the article by Vernon Bartlett, in the "News-Chronicle."

The Nazi journal says that Mr. Bartlett gives free rein to his phantasy concerning Germany's alleged plans for 1939.

The paper interprets Mr. Bartlett as saying that Germany will, in the coming year demand the colonies of Holland and Belgium which, in the view of the German Government, would present greater advantages for the Reich than the Colonies formerly owned by Germany.

Refusal by the Netherland and Belgian Governments to comply with this demand would, says Mr. Bartlett, have as a consequence, threat of invasion of those countries by Germany.

WISH OF AUTHOR

The "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" observes that such combinations merely reflect the wish of their author to discover — now that the main problems in Western Europe have been clarified and East Europe does not perhaps arouse any longer such great interest in Paris and London — new regions in which aggressive aims can be attributed to Germany. — Trans-Ocean.

MUI TSAI CASE

Tsui So-fong was this morning fined \$20 by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest for failing to notify the departure of a registered mui-tsai. For bringing an unregistered mui-tsai into the Colony, she was cautioned. Inspector Fraser said defendant went to the S.C.A. a few days ago to register a mui-tsai and there said the girl previously registered was now married in Canton.

TREE CUTTER CAUGHT

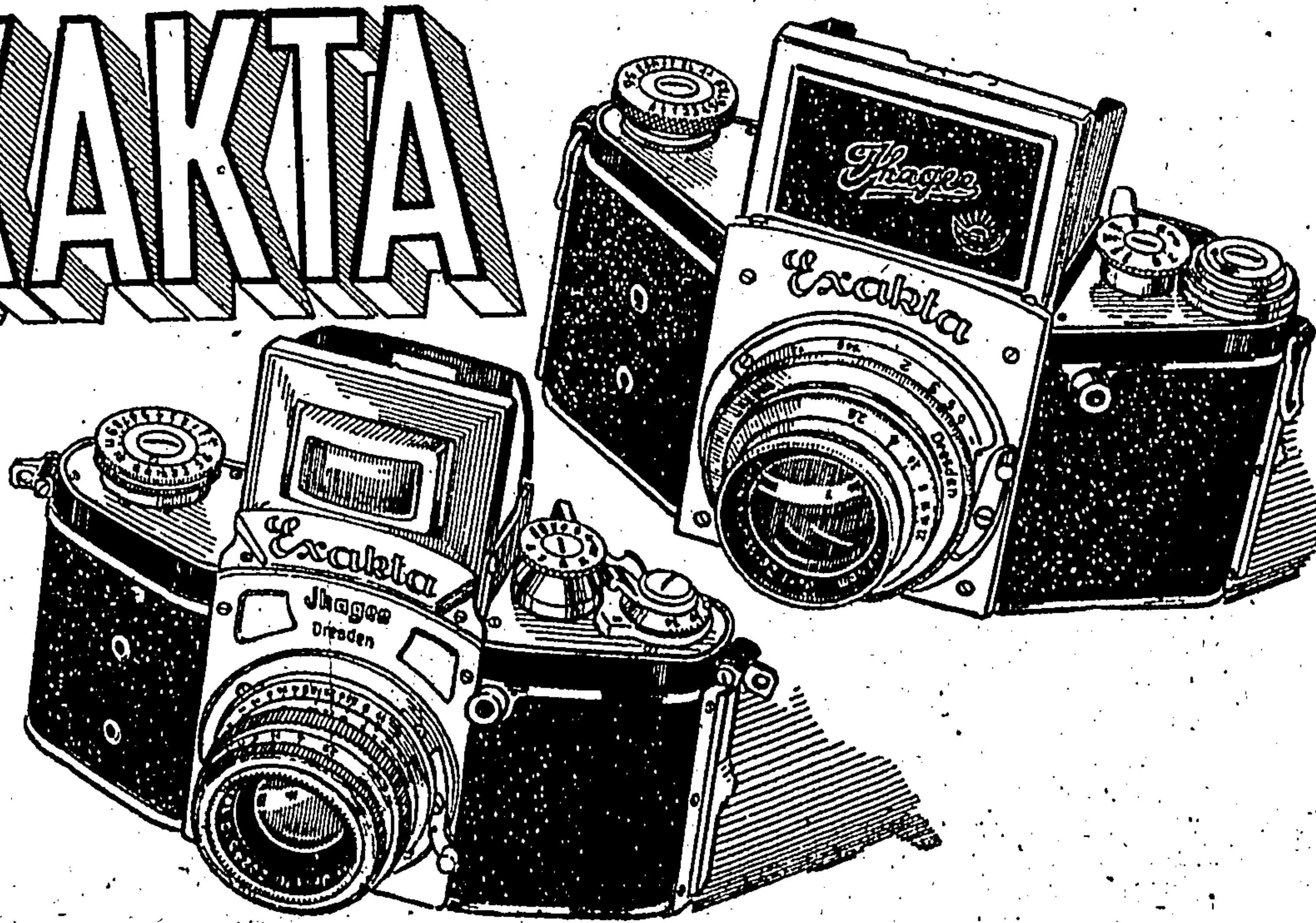
Fung Hoi, unemployed, was charged before Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Magistracy this morning, with unlawful possession of a quantity of treewood.

It was alleged that defendant cut the wood from the hillside in Conduit Road. Sentence of three months' hard labour was passed.

Pleading guilty, Maj. G. Rawstone, of Cornwal Street, was this morning fined \$8 by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon for speeding, in excess of 30 m.p.h., between Waterloo Road and Shantung Street.

An 18-year-old girl, Tin Choi-wan, residing at 214 Lockhart Road, second floor, was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital yesterday, with a fractured skull, as the result of a fall from a ladder.

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FRANCO'S TROOPS SMASH BALAGUER DEFENCES

Troops Still Keep Up Offensive After Week

Plains Converted Into Inferno Of Shells And Bombs

London, To-day.

That General Franco's offensive, in which 500,000 men are engaged, is proceeding as relentlessly as ever after seven days, is proved by vivid descriptions of the fighting from Reuter's correspondents on both sides.

Reuter's correspondent in Barcelona states that planes and artillery have transformed the hill-bound plains of Llanos del Urgel, in the southern sector, and the Pyrenian foothills, in the northern sector, into an inferno of shells and bombs.

General Franco aims at driving the Republicans from the line of the Segre River, where they have held positions since April, and from the Llanos del Urgel plain.

The drive towards Borjas Blancas, which is an important munitions manufacturing centre, from the lower Segre, threatens to cut off the Republican positions before Lerida.

Capture of Borjas Blancas itself would jeopardise the whole Republican positions along the lower Ebro and the posts between Tarragona and the Ebro delta.

ITALIAN DIVISIONS

Four Italian divisions are reported to be participating in this thrust.

The Nationalists last evening captured Granadella, forty miles north-west of Tarragona.

It is an important position commanding the left bank of the Ebro, and was strongly fortified and stubbornly defended.

FALL OF BALAGUER

Earlier, the Nationalist victory at Balaguer was the fifth point at which General Franco had pierced the Republican defences.

The air force and artillery opened the attack, pounding the fortifications of Balaguer and bridgehead. Tons of explosives were dropped on the stone pillboxes and sandbag parapets which formed the strongest Republican fortifications in this region.

Then armoured cars drove through the breaches and through a fourfold line of wire entanglements. Infantry followed up and took the positions.—Reuter.

USUAL DIVERGENCE

London, To-day.

While observers on both sides in Spain agree on the fierce intensity of the fighting on what is nearly a 100-mile front, the respective headquarters accounts of the progress of the battle continue widely divergent.

General Franco claims successes along the whole of Catalonia's western borders, while the Republican side declare that their main defences on the hills remain untouched, though they admit that the flat terrain on which most of the fighting has hitherto taken place favoured the Nationalists' mechanical superiority.

MODEL ARMY

A Barcelona despatch adds that indeed the resistance of the Republican new model army is believed to be proving most exhausting to the Nationalists and to be inspiring the utmost confidence in the Republican rear.

On the other hand, the Nationalists' headquarters state that their troops have broken the Republican lines at the Segre bridgehead and Balaguer and have crossed the Republican fortifications.

Further north-east they claim to have surrounded Balmona. In the northern section they report further progress in the drive towards the seaport of Tarragona. Further south-west they are reported to have surrounded Granadella.—Reuter.

NATIONALIST CLAIMS

Saragossa, To-day.

The Nationalist offensive in Catalonia continues. Exploiting his victory near Balaguer, General Moscardo has made further headway.

General Munoz Grande who is fighting on the northern sector of the Catalan front, after crossing the Montseny Mountains, advanced in the direction of the road leading from Lerida to the French frontier

COUNTER-ESPIONAGE IN AMERICA

Washington, To-day.

The Treasury Department announces that the Commissioner for Internal Revenue has ordered the thousands of the Treasury's investigators in the departments of the various law enforcement agencies to keep a sharp watch on espionage activities.

This is in accordance with President Roosevelt's recent request for strengthening of America's anti spy defences.—Reuter.

BRITISH INTEREST IN SKODA?

Prague, To-day.

It is announced that a Czechoslovak cartel, which is financed by Anglo-Czech Bank has purchased the Skoda Works shares from the French group associated with Schneider-Creusot.—Trans-Ocean.

NEW YORK-INDIA EXPRESS

Rome, To-day.

An Italian shipping company, in co-operation with the Royal Dutch Airline plans the opening of a new fast passenger service from New York to India.

Passengers crossing from New York to Naples aboard the Italian liners "Rex" and "Conte di Savoia" will continue their journey from Naples to India by Dutch planes.—Trans-Ocean.

NEW CZECH RAILWAY PLAN

Prague, To-day.

The Czechoslovakian Government, according to the "A-Z," plans the construction of a new railway from Prague via Gitschin to Neupaka on the German frontier, where the Germans would build a continuation of the line to Breslau.

This direct connection between Prague and Breslau was contemplated before the World War but was not constructed.—Trans-Ocean.

Mr. S. G. Barros, of No. 16 Torres Avenue, has reported that during the Race meeting at Fanning on Monday a pair of Zeiss binoculars valued at \$200 were stolen from a leather suit case. The binoculars are the property of Mr. Stewart, of China Underwriters.

and occupied Convent and Baladoma, villages on the Segre River.

The troops of General Solchaga, fighting in the southern sector between the Segre and the Ebro, concentrated their attacks on Granadella and Borjas Blancas and after a heavy battle reached Casteldans, nine kilometres from Borjas Blancas.—Trans-Ocean.

DEMAND FOR FRENCH AIR DICTATOR

PARIS, TO-DAY.

DISCUSSING THE FRENCH AIR ESTIMATES IN THE SENATE YESTERDAY, SENATOR DE LA GRANGE WOULD UP CRITICISMS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S AIR ARMAMENT POLICY WITH A DEMAND FOR "A REAL DICTATOR TO BUILD UP THE AIR STRENGTH OF FRANCE."

As a member of the Senate's Commission for Aviation, he complained of the low salaries paid to aeronautical experts engaged by the technical department of the French Air Ministry. There had been a further reduction, he said, in the general staff of the French air force.

France, he declared, was still in arrears in building up a strong air force, which would not have been the case had the Government paid more attention to the Senate in the past.

Last year, he revealed, France spent a total of one milliard francs in modernising equipment in aeroplane factories throughout the country in order to make possible the construction of machines in series.

It was necessary for France to turn out at least 500 planes monthly, he insisted. But before this could be done the Government would have to appoint a real air dictator who would have to enjoy the full confidence and backing of the Chief of the Air Staff and who would have to have a wide practical experience of aircraft production.

Another Senator who joined in the debate was M. Laurent Eynac who predicted that in 1939 France would have an air force capable of holding its own with any potential enemy.

Replying to Senator de la Grange, the Air Minister, M. Guy Lachambre, declared that the French aviation industry had the "dictator" demanded in the person of President Caquot.

The Minister declared that he was ready to take certain preliminary mobilisation measures for the air service but pointed out the difficulty of mobilising one branch of industry while others closely linked with it were not mobilised.

The Air Estimates were then passed by the Senate.—Trans-Ocean.

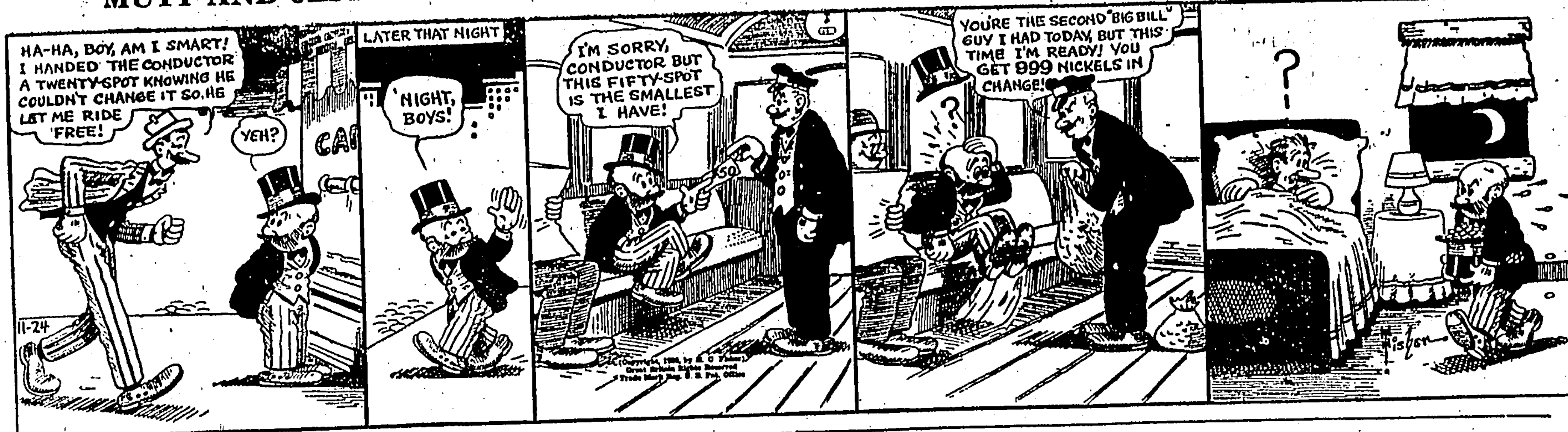
BANK MANAGER NOW IN JERUSALEM

London, To-day.

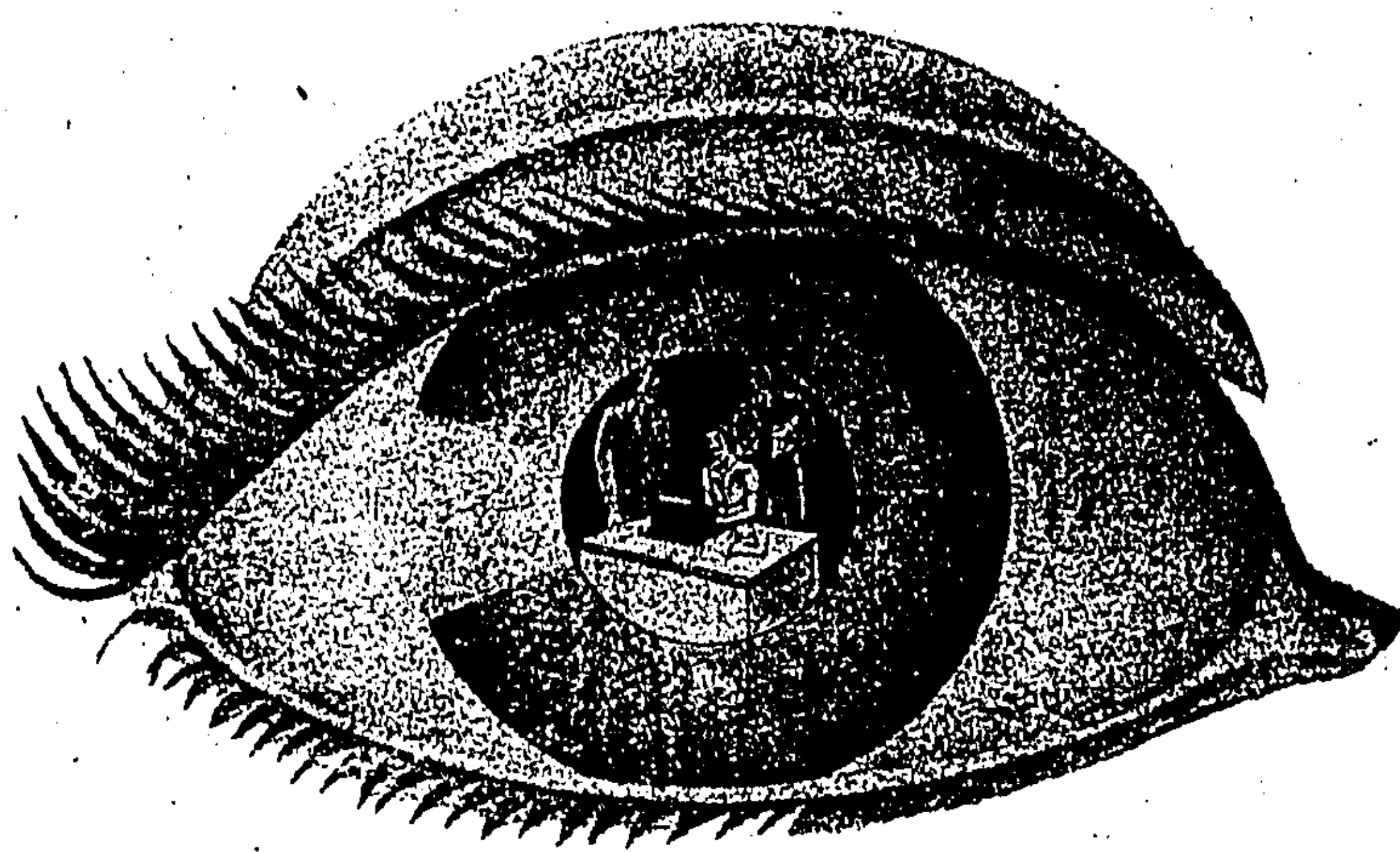
The Colonial Office has received a telegram from the High Commissioner for Palestine that Mr. le Bouvier, British manager of the Ottoman Bank in Palestine, who was kidnapped on the Jerusalem-Jericho road on Monday, has returned to Jerusalem safely.—British Wireless.

The R. M. S. "Empress of Asia" from Vancouver is due at Hong Kong on 12th January.

MUTT AND JEFF



"IT OPENED MY EYES"

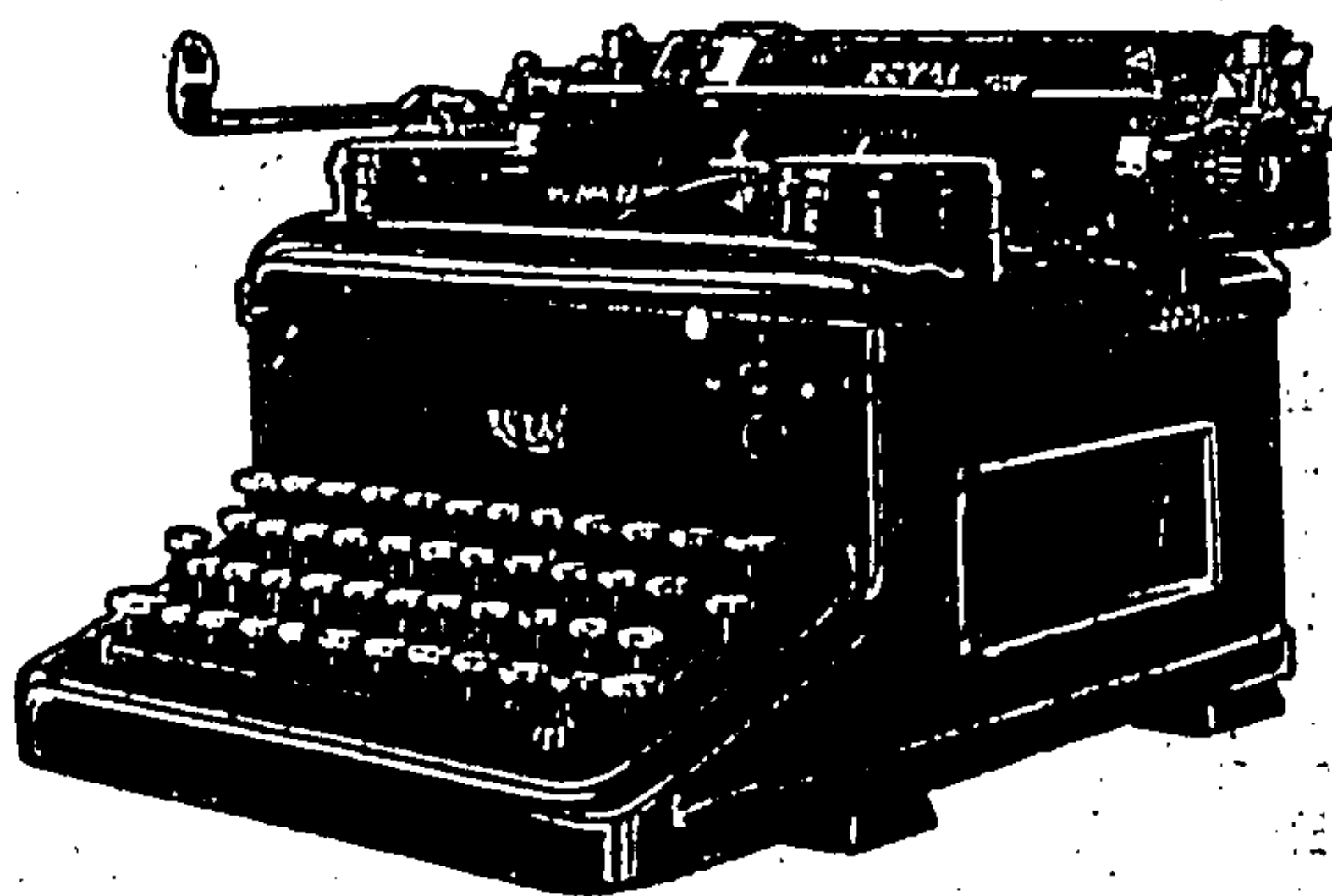


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THE DAILY SHORT STORY

"Left-Handed" Case

"WE have had all sorts of interesting 'left-handed' cases," Inspector Joe Selby was saying. "We had the case of the man who murdered his business partner and placed the lethal weapon in his hand to make it look like suicide. We solved that one after we discovered that the victim was left-handed and the murderer had placed the gun in his right hand. "We've had other good ones, too, but the best and most surprising happened last month. Remember the Ray Somers murder? He was found dead in his apartment. Shot through the head. There were no indications that the killer had attempted to make it look like suicide, but there were no clues either. Nothing at all to work on. "Our investigation revealed that Somers was a stock broker of considerable means. He had no family; lived a bachelor's life. Naturally he had a lot of friends, and we began looking them up one by one. They couldn't tell us much, though none refused to answer our questions. "At the end of two weeks we had learned the following facts: Somers was left-handed. He had no bad habits. package. For some reason that I can't explain I looked down at it and what I saw gave me a jolt. It was a minute or two before I comprehended its significance. "Are you right-handed or left, Mr. Burdon?" I asked, looking up suddenly. "My voice must have sounded odd, because Nate Myles, the plain clothes man who had accompanied me south, stared queerly and Fred Burdon poised his half-lighted cigar and frowned. "Well?" I rapped out. "Burdon laughed, half in annoyance, half in amusement. 'Why, I'm right-handed, but what possible—' "Ah!" I said, standing. "And that suit you're wearing. It's a heavy suit. You wore it on the day you came south and you haven't worn it since. Isn't that right?" "Nate had suddenly grown tense and Fred Burdon's eyes had taken a look that was no longer amused or annoyed. "Yes," he said slowly. "That's right. How did you know?" "Ah!" I said again. "It was the day after the evening that Ray Somers was murdered that you came south.

By James Freeman.

He was not interested in any particular woman. His business affairs were in good shape. No one had a bad word for him.

"Not much to work on, eh? Not even the hint of a motive."

"Well, there were three men who had Somers intimately whom we hadn't contacted. One had gone to Nassau for the winter, the second was on a tropical cruise, and the third, a man named Fred Burdon was in Miami. There was nothing to do but continue our investigation by questioning them. We decided to go to Miami first for the obvious reason that it was more accessible and in the United States.

"We found Burdon living comfortably with his family in a well-known hotel. The day that we arrived it happened that the golden sands of Miami were swept by an unprecedented cold wave. Burdon was reading a book in a glass-enclosed sun-deck when he located him. He was wearing a heavy dark suit, fit for northern climes.

"We told him who we were and what we wanted. His face instantly sobered.

"Yes, I read about poor Ray in the papers," he admitted. "A sad case. Have you any idea who murdered him, or have you concluded that it must have been suicide?"

"We haven't concluded a doggone thing," I told him, grinning. "You are one of three last hopes. What can you tell us about Somers, Mr. Burdon? Something that might help us in our investigation?"

"He was willing enough to help. He told us all he could about Somers, which was substantially what all the others had said. It began to look as though here was one murder trail that was going to come to a dead end.

"We remained an hour, smoking cigars that Burdon provided and enjoying the sunshine of the glassed-in sun-deck, but not getting very far in our efforts to unearth a clue.

"I finished my cigar and reached for a cigarette and Burdon handed me a package of matches. I lighted the cigarette and idly toyed with the match

You wore that suit on that evening. You wore it when you murdered Ray Somers!"

"The cigar dropped from Burdon's hand. He sat up with a start. The colour left his face. 'What the devil are you talking about? Are you accusing me of murdering my best friend?'"

"Yes," I said flatly. "Not only accusing, but proving. We've known all along it was you," I lied. "We've been bating you, Burdon. You talked too much. You haven't a chance."

"My object, of course, was to make him reveal his guilt either by word or expression. And he did. Like most men who believe themselves smart, I'd caught him with his guard down.

"Later we learned that Somers had made a poor investment for Burdon. They had quarreled and in a fit of drunken rage Burdon had shot him.

"How did I jump to my conclusions? Why, it was the left-handed business. That package of matches. They had been used by a left-handed man. A left-handed man holds a package in his right hand and tears matches off the left side. Look at the next package you see and you'll discover I'm right. Burdon had idly picked up the package in Somers' apartment and put it into his pocket. He hadn't worn the suit since, so there you are!"

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EXTENSIVE RAIDS IN THREE PROVINCES

Chungking, To-day.

Heavy civilian casualties and property damage were caused yesterday when Japanese bombers staged extensive air raids over towns in Hunan, Kwangtung and Kwangsi.

Places bombed in Hunan included Changteh, Hanshou and Taoyuan, on the west shore of the Tungting Lake. Incendiary and explosive missiles were dropped, starting huge fires.

At Changteh, at least 200 civilians were killed and wounded, while numerous shops and residences were blown to pieces or gutted by fire. Late last night, fires were still raging over a large area.

Seven persons were killed and over a dozen wounded in Hanshou. Incendiary bombs released set fire to a row of 10 shops.

Eight machines attacked Taoyuan. Owing to damage to telephone and telegraphic wires, details are unavailable.

In Kwangtung, Shiukwan, on the Canton-Hankow Railway, was bombed by 18 aircraft. Linhsien in west Kwangtung was also raided.

Nine planes from Kwangtung attacked Kweilin. Bombs were released in the heart of the city, starting huge fires.—Central News.

Decision Must Await Chamberlain Rome Visit

Berlin, To-day.

The reports in the British, French and United States press concerning the possibility of a new conference of the representatives of the four Munich powers at the end of January, have aroused much interest in Berlin political circles, especially in connection with the development of Franco-Italian relations.

Nothing, however, is known here regarding any such a plan and absolute reserve is maintained on the subject in competent quarters.

The latter, nevertheless, give it to be understood that the result of the visit of Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Halifax to Rome must be awaited before realisation of any such plan could be envisaged, the more so since it is certain that in the course of the conversations between the British and Italian Statesmen, not only questions directly interesting the two countries will be discussed, but problems of a more general character will come under consideration.

It is regarded as inevitable that Franco-Italian relations will be examined.

Hence, in the opinion of German political circles, no decision regarding another Four-Power Conference can be reached before the outcome of the Rome conversations is known.—Trans-Ocean.

JAPANESE ARMY INADEQUATE FOR ATTACK

Changsha, To-day.

The Japanese forces now on the Hunan and Kiangsi fronts is inadequate to renew the offensive, declared General Hsieh Yo, Cantonese army commander, in an interview at the front yesterday.

After sustaining heavy losses prior to the fall of the Wuhan cities, the Japanese are replenishing troops and military supplies, General Hsieh revealed.

Day and night raids have been staged on the Japanese lines. The cumulative casualties suffered by the Japanese are heavy.

Asked his opinion regarding China's policy of resistance, General Hsieh urged the Chinese people to follow the bloody trail marked out by Chinese revolutionary martyrs and exert their combined efforts for the consummation of the supreme task.—Central News.

FRANCE TAKING ACTION ON SYRIA ISSUE

Paris, To-day.

The French Premier, M. Edouard Daladier, has decided to take immediate action on the Syrian question with which is bound up the whole Mediterranean strategic situation.

A special commission of four members will be despatched to make enquiries on the spot with a view to drawing up a new Franco-Syrian agreement.—Reuter.

SYRIAN DEMANDS

Cairo, To-day.

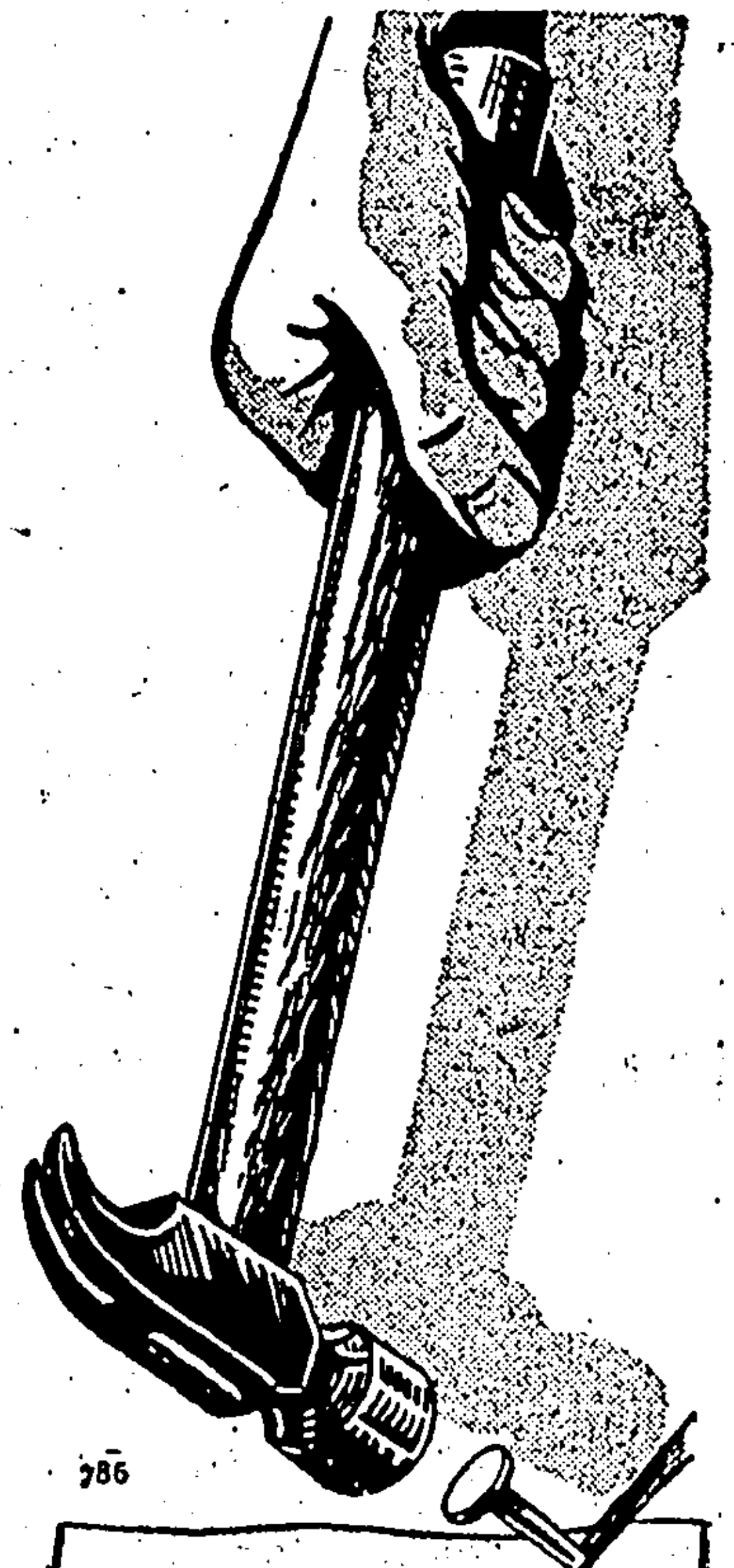
The leader of the Syrian Opposition, Dr. Shabander, has appealed to the Syrian Premier, Mardam Bey, demanding publication of the secret clauses of the Franco-Syrian Treaty.

It is also demanded that the Premier should explain his attitude regarding French dilatory tactics.—Trans-Ocean.

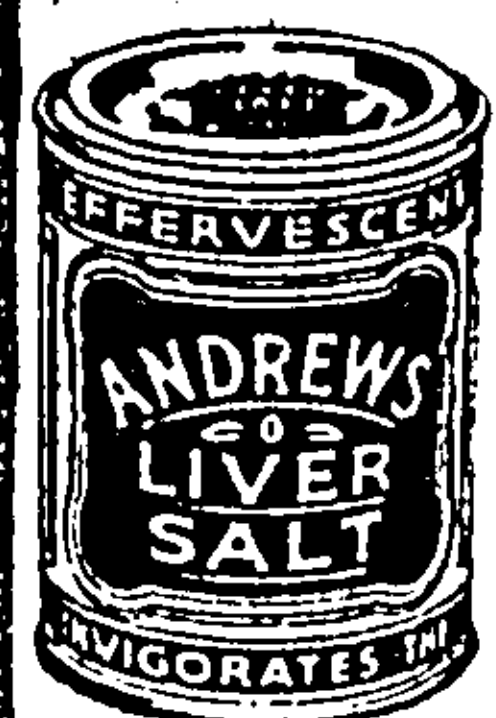


The Queen introduced the new crinoline fashion to Buckingham Palace at the State Banquet and all Britain is keenly interested. Photo shows one of the crinoline evening gowns similar to that worn by the Queen, photographed at the Women's Fair.

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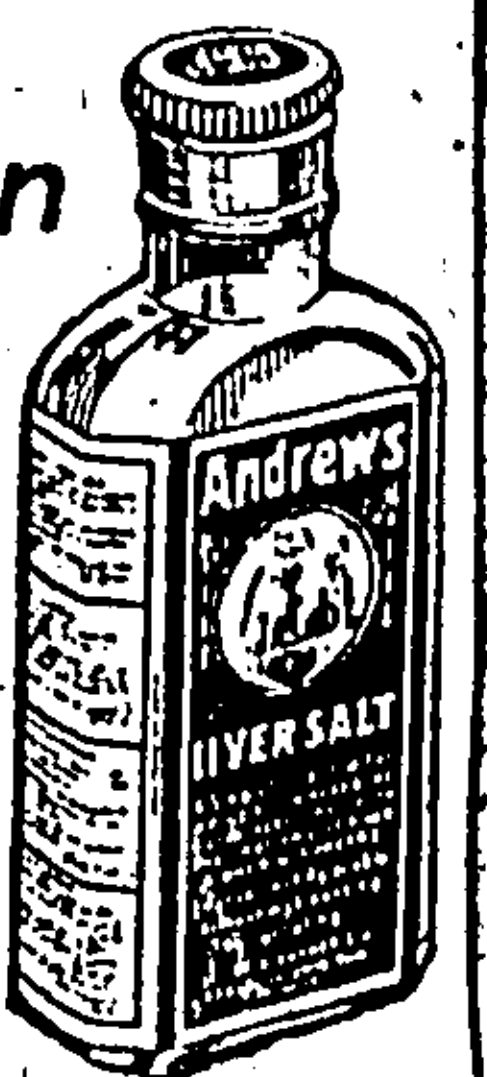


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JAPAN'S APPROACH TO TOTALITARISM

No special insight into the political situation in the Far East is necessary to interpret, with assurance, Japan's enforcement of all important provisions of the National Mobilisation Act as a confession that the strain and the drain of the adventure in China is having disturbing effects on Japan's internal economy. Control of wages and hours, dividends and of the uses to which factories and commodities are put, are taken by Government under the new decrees. It means, in short, that rigid control of every means of production is required to enable Japan to carry on. It means that Prince Konoye has taken one more vital step to the creation of a totalitarian regime, in the knowledge, which cannot wholly commend itself to him, that the reins are in the hands of the Army.

The new decrees, affecting as they do principally, the smaller businessman rather than the great financial trusts, which are already within the ring, are the more interesting for that reason. Because observers who have recently travelled through Japan have all reached much the same conclusion, that Japan's smaller businessmen to-day constitute the closest thing to an articulate liberal element, at least cool toward the war, of any class in the country. It is true that the army has been promising "pie in the sky bye and bye" to the business people, and helping some few—most of less reputable sort—to dig into the holds on Chinese business while the Americans and Europeans are held off under plea of military necessity. But business has a very clear idea of the present-day trials it is undergoing in Japan, and those are numerous.

It is no joke for the trader and industrialist to see a country move to a real wartime basis, spelling doom to much of the production of "consumer goods" useful for domestic consumption and export trade. And the Japanese Government is taking few half-measures in this respect. Of course the consumer feels the pinch too, but he is on the second line and his voice cannot be heard so clearly. If he is heard at all, in fact, he becomes a case for the police, while the businessman or industrialist can at least enjoy relative personal

immunity.

There is a rigorous determination to make Japan more self-sufficient as a vital part of the war programme. One thing which a good share of Japan seems to be sighing over is the increasing difficulty in reconciling self-sufficiency with means of getting money from abroad. The tourist hotels do their bit by carrying on with regular high prices instead of dropping them to lure more customers; but they regret the war because they know American tourists won't come out in large numbers to see only Japan, when China is pretty much off the itinerary. Exporters want to sell but they can't get enough imported raw materials to make export goods in large quantities. Japan is changing in its economic basis, its mental attitude, and in many other respects, but the change is more gradual than would be expected in view of the present strains.

Keeping Democracies Out of War

Not all the able official and journalistic apologetics can hide the truth that the British Government's dominant motive (at Munich) was the fear of war. Not that it is discreditable to be afraid of war. On the contrary it is common-sense. Only, if we are thought to be more afraid of war than Germany is, future negotiations will usually end more agreeably to Germany than to us. There seems to stretch out before us an unending vista of meals on humble pie whenever any dictator chooses to ask us to dinner.

It is true that our meals, though unappetizing, are cheap. Last time it was Abyssinia who bore the cost; now it is Czechoslovakia who will pay. All this seems humiliating. But then comes the crushing question, would you rather have war?

Is there not a third way by which we might escape from the unpleasant choice between subservience to Herr Hitler's intolerable violence and arrogance and, on the other hand, the calamities of war?—There is such a way; it is by establishing international control over disputes leading to war. This could be effectively done if we could have the co-operation or, better the leadership of the United States of America. It is not too much to say that if the first cause of the present miserable state of Europe is the aggressiveness of Germany, next to it comes the isolationism of America.

America, like the Priest and Levite, passes by on the other side, while the peace-loving part of Europe has fallen among thieves. If America would join with the British Empire, with France and with the smaller nations, it would be possible so to control commodities that a law-breaking nation could not make war but must submit to reason.

I would have the Government look for safety not in Berlin but in Washington. German good faith and good will exist only for German interests. But it is not so with the people of the United States. If they would shake off the influence of that most unchristian tradition, that it is right to hold aloof, and would shoulder the burden of their greatness, there might be hope for European security.—Lord Hugh Cecil, Provost of Eton College, in a letter to the British press.

FRANCE OPPOSED TO MEDIATION HINT

To Settle Issues Raised By Italy Herself

CHAMBERLAIN'S ROME VISIT

London, To-day.

The imminence of Mr. Neville Chamberlain's visit to Rome on January 11 is arousing interest as to the attitude of the powers concerned regarding Italy's demands on France.

M. Cambon, the French Charge d'Affaires in London, paid his usual daily visit to the Foreign Office yesterday, exchanging views with British officials, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

It is understood that M. Cambon repeated France's contention that Italy's present demands are such as must be solved by France herself.

Although the restoration of friendly relations between France and Italy is of primary interest to Britain as a Mediterranean power, there has never been any question of Mr. Chamberlain mediating between the two countries during his visit to Rome.

British circles recognise France's determination to look after her own interests, and her attitude is approved. Extremely close contact is being maintained between the British and French Governments.

NOT PRECLUDED

Discussion of Franco-Italian relations is not precluded during Mr. Chamberlain's visit, however, since Britain's pact with Italy is directly concerned by any threatened disturbance of the status quo in the Mediterranean.—Reuter.

FRENCH REPLY TO ITALIAN NOTE

London, To-day.

The French Charge d'Affaires in London, M. Cambon, called at the Foreign Office yesterday morning to communicate a copy of his Government's reply to the Italian Government's denunciation of the 1935 Franco-Italian Agreement.—British Wireless.

SONJA HENIE AND 20TH-CENTURY SUED OVER "THIN ICE"

CHICAGO, TO-DAY.

SONJA HENIE, THE SKATING AND FILM STAR, HAS BEEN NAMED CO-DEFENDANT IN AN ACTION FOR \$3,000,000 DAMAGES BROUGHT ON BEHALF OF FRED WALTON, FORMER VAUDEVILLE ARTISTE.

Walton alleges that the 20th Century Fox Film Corporation and four subsidiary companies pirated a film plot in which M. Henie starred.

Walton declares that the film, "Thin Ice," was taken from a story which, he claims, was written by him and rejected by a film story agent two years before "Thin Ice" was produced.—Reuter.

JAP. MILITARY IN SHANGHAI TO STAY?

Shanghai, To-day.

Regarding the flat refusal to return the American-owned "Shanghai University," which lies north of Shanghai, just outside the Settlement boundaries, the Japanese spokesman stated that the whole of the adjacent area had been converted into a closed military zone and that it was intended to build military factories as well as repair shops.

The continued presence of the University would, therefore, lead to complications.

The Japanese have offered co-operation for removal of the University elsewhere, but the school authorities decline to agree.

The University, therefore, may remain in Japanese hands until the end of hostilities and possibly even afterwards considering the whole area is becoming a military zone.

This constitutes the first time that the Japanese authorities have admitted that they are constructing a more or less permanent military base outside Shanghai and that they intend to remain in possession of this area.

It is expected that the United States will lodge a further strong protest regarding the University which, with its huge extent of building and grounds, represents a considerable capital investment.—Trans-Ocean.

SKI RECORD

London, To-day.

At Earls Court yesterday, Sverre Kolterud, the Norwegian Olympic medallist, established a world indoor ski jump record of 22½ metres.—Reuter.



Scots dances were a feature of St. Andrew's Ball, as usual.

KWEILIN GIVEN SEVERE BOMB STRAFING

Macao, To-day.

Ten Japanese planes flew from Kwangtung into Kwangsi yesterday afternoon, and bombed Kweilin.

Most of the bombs fell in the southern part of the city, and

this morning fires were reported still blazing furiously.

Hundreds of homeless are searching for shelter.

Many are reported to have been killed, but the number of casualties is not yet known.—Our Own Correspondent.

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Shortage Of British Stocks In October Pleaded

London, To-day.

The well-known Kensington stores of John Barker's were fined £10 and twenty guineas costs in West London police court yesterday on a charge arising from the sale of a raincoat made in Japan without the necessary marking.

The defence asserted that everything possible was done to comply with the Merchandise Marks Act.

For ten years Barker's had purchased British raincoats, but owing to the shortage in October, they accepted Japanese coats which were equally good.

They were supplied without label, and Barker's would be entitled to sell them in that state, but having applied for their own trade label, they should have indicated its foreign origin.

The magistrate declared that vitally important legislation should be respected not only for protection of the public but it was of great importance to traders, when faced with the kind of competition they were up against from Japan and other countries.—Reuter.

CAPITAL LEVY ON JEWS: THREAT OF INCREASE

Berlin, To-day.

Jews here are alarmed by a rumour, said to come from a reliable source, that the 20 per cent. capital levy on their property is to be increased to 30 per cent.

It is declared that the first instalment of the levy, collected on December 15, did not produce nearly as much as expected.

Officials of the Ministry of Finance would neither confirm nor deny the report, although they revealed that the actual figures of the first instalment will probably be furnished in January.

Jews have already paid up five per cent. of their property, and the rumoured increase, if true, would mean they would still have one-quarter of their total original fortunes to lose.—Reuter.

SLOWER TEMPO

Berlin, To-day.

A complaint by Hitler that the German National Anthem, "Deutschland Uber Alles," was being played too fast, resulting in "massacre" of the hymn, is quoted by the newspaper "National Zeitung."

The journal announces a decree by Herr Himmler, chief of secret police, that the anthem must be played "in a tempo worthy of the hymn."—Reuter.

CIANO'S NEXT TRIP

Rome, To-day.

Count Ciano's visit to Belgrade has now been arranged for January 19. According to Italian quarters, his principal object is preparing the way for a Treaty of Amity between Hungary and Yugo-Slavia.—Trans-Ocean.



THE SUN-TAN CLUB—We've got to hand it to the Americans—they do things in style. At Coral Gables, Florida, they take the sun under the doctor's supervision. At the Miami Biltmore Country Club Sun-Tan Club they gather round each day at the noon hour to enjoy an hour's sun-bathing and the big clock tells them when they have enough. Photo shows the doctor and his attendants supervising the daily hour of sunshine.

REFUGEE CHIEF GOING TO BERLIN

London, To-day.

The director of the inter-Governmental Refugees' Office in London, the American lawyer, George Rublee, will, according to the "Evening News," leave shortly for Berlin, accompanied by experts on the refugee committee.

It is believed that the plan for facilitation of Jewish emigration submitted by Dr. Schacht in London will be discussed.—Trans-Ocean.

JAPANESE LANDING TROOPS NEAR BOCCA TIGRIS

Macao, To-day.

Japanese warships and transports are concentrating in the Pearl River Delta, according to a message from Shek-ki.

Japanese troops, it is added, are being landed near Bocca Tigris in large numbers.—Our Own Correspondent.

WHO SAID IT CAN'T HAPPEN HERE?

"This is my business, not hers," exclaimed Chan Kam, a man about 30, who rushed out from the spectators' seats and stood in front of the dock at the Kowloon Magistracy during the hearing of a drug case.

The man was later charged, instead of the woman, To Mui Sam, with keeping an opium and heroin divan, and with the possession of prepared opium and heroin pipes.

Revenue Officer E. T. Warden, prosecuting, said he raided No. 68, Woosung Street, first floor, at 11 p.m. on Wednesday and the woman, together with five smokers, was arrested. She claimed that she was the assistant and that the keeper, was not on the premises.

The man was fined \$440 or ten months' hard labour, while the woman was released.

ARMS ON JUNK

Arrested on board a junk, T1709H, with a revolver and six rounds of ammunition, Cheung Tong, junk master, 37, was remanded for 24 hours by Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon this morning.



The hockey season is now in full swing, and the players are preparing for competitive games. The picture shows hockey girls at Claremont School, Esher, smilingly taking the field for a practice game.

News Snack Bar

"CLAN'S LUCK" IS SAVED IN FIRE

To every village, mansion and hotel in Skye the other day went urgent 'phone calls to rush every possible fire-fighting appliance to tackle a blaze in famous Dunvegan Castle.

Dunvegan Castle has been the home of MacLeod Clan chieftains for 700 years, and is the oldest inhabited castle in Scotland.

£5 A WEEK—ALL RUN A CAR

The average American car owner is a married man with two children earning between \$4 and \$6 a week.

This figure is arrived at by the American Petroleum Institute in a statistical survey of the average motorist.

Other facts, quoted by Reuter, are that:

His second-hand car has a market value of \$47 10s.—with the odds two-to-one that he never owned a new one.

He uses 600 gallons of petrol and 35 quarts of oil every year. Taxes on his car amount to \$10 6s. a year.

Its walls rise sheer from an islet of rock which is now joined to the mainland by a bridge and road, but was formerly approachable only by a narrow entrance on the sea side.

In answer to the call for help 100 cars sped along the island roads that converge at the castle.

They brought police and plumbers, joiners, carpenters and roadmen who had downed tools at once in their anxiety to save from the castle fire priceless relics cherished by all clansmen in Skye.

The Portree fire brigade dashed twenty-eight miles to the outbreak. A special pump was sent from Broadford, over forty miles away.

Every hotel in Portree sent a fire extinguisher.

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"FAIRY FLAG" SAVED

The alarm had been raised by Christmas Bathgate, head housemaid, caretaker of the castle. She saw smoke in the south wing.

Soon huge flames were roaring in this part of the castle.

Two hundred men and scores of women fought the fire.

The water supply was so poor that not even a hose could be played on the fire.

Hundreds of pails and buckets were taken from the nearby crofts, and two chains of twenty men passed buckets of water from a river night up to the castle.

Crofters climbed up to the battlements to lower ropes and haul up buckets.

Before the fire could reach some of the rooms priceless oil paintings, tapestries, silver and ancient family documents were carried out to safety.

One of the most famous relics—the centuries-old "fairy flag" of the Clan MacLeod—was taken to the National Bank of Dunvegan.

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WOMAN CHIEF'S DASH

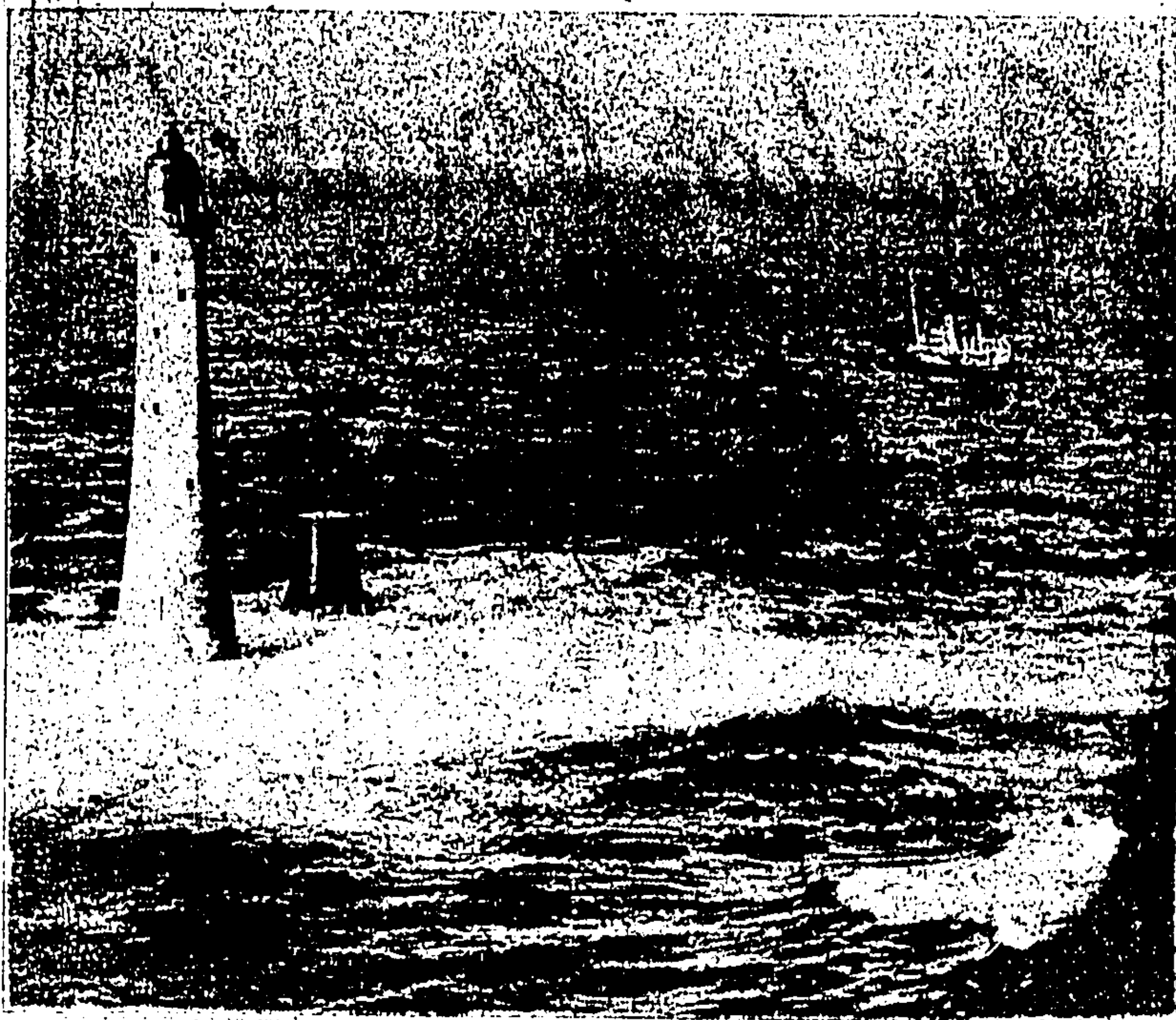
Tradition says the flag was presented to the MacLeods by the fairies, and when carried in battle by the clan it exerted a favourable influence.

After hours of work, the fire-fighters beat the blaze.

Only the south wing was destroyed.

Owner of the castle, Mistress Flora MacLeod of MacLeod, was away in the south. When she heard of the fire she left at once for Skye.

Daughter of the late Sir Reginald MacLeod of MacLeod, she is the twenty-fourth chief of the MacLeods of Dunvegan.



Marooned by storm-tossed seas since he was taken ill on Dec. 8, William Jordain, head keeper of Eddystone Lighthouse, was still without medical aid when this picture was taken on Dec. 12. Two further attempts were made to rescue him that day but again victory went to the sea and the rescue boat Satellite, returned to Plymouth without him after battling with mighty seas. A striking aerial photograph of Eddystone Lighthouse to-day, showing the Satellite standing by, unable to approach further.

LONELY AT CHRISTMAS?

The Rev. W. R. Devenish, vicar of South Norwood, S.E. offered the use of the church hall for a party to be arranged among themselves by lonely people in South London with no friends or relations with whom to spend Christmas.

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RAYON PIONEER'S £550,000

Mr. Henry Johnson, of St. Nicholas-street, Coventry, a director (and until two years ago managing director) of Courtaulds, Ltd., a pioneer of the rayon industry, left £554,380 (Estate duty £242,876).

GIANT FOREIGN RATS ARE MENACING FARMS AGAIN

Three monster rat-like rodents shot on the banks of the River Cuckmere at Horsebridge, Sussex, were identified as nutria—a pest to agriculture hitherto unknown in the district.

Like the musk rat, the nutria is a South American animal imported for its fur.

About 100 nutria escaped from a Surrey farm last year, and the East Sussex rodents are believed to be their descendants. The nutria is usually from one to two feet long.

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"SO WHAT?" SAYS

LORD STAMP

Speaking at Manchester Lord Stamp declared:

"Sometimes, when I hear the results of a great piece of work, an achievement in an examination or a philosophical thesis, I cannot help using the American vulgarism, 'So what?'"

"If there is one thing that is appalling to-day it is the time spent in mastering seas of words and landing nowhere."

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LABOURERS WANT

WAGE RISE

The Building Trade Group of the Transport and General Workers' Union have decided in London to support a claim by labourers for a penny per hour increase in the London area.

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SPORT HELPS TO CURE

3,300 MENTAL PATIENTS

Sport-Soccer, Rugby, tennis and hockey—is helping to cure the 3,300 inmates of the County Mental Hospital, Whittingham, near Preston, Lancs.

There is a nursing staff of 500, and they have organised their own teams, which the patients support enthusiastically.

The patients attend the matches played by the nursing staff and form a loyal band of supporters, critical and appreciative.

This interest has led to the forming of their own teams.

HOSPITAL TO HAVE CHEF

London University College Hospital is reorganising its kitchens, increasing the number of cooks and appointing a highly-qualified chef to supervise.

Says Mr. R. Sloley, secretary of the hospital:—

"Good food cooked with skill, served appetisingly, helps in a patient's recovery."

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LEFT £32,000 TO UNIVERSITY

Except for two small bequests, Mr. Herbert Jenkinson, of Hemperlane, Bradway, near Sheffield, left all his estate—£32,121—to Sheffield University.



One of the central figures in a nativity play which was performed at Audenshaw, near Manchester, on Dec. 18, was Herod, the ruler who caused the slaughter of the innocents after the birth of Christ—and dressed to represent Hitler. The play was written by Rev. W. Rowland Jones, Vicar of St. Hil-da's, as protest against persecution of Jews. Photo shows the 24 years old carpenter, Mr. Arthur Vickers, who played the part of Herod, at a rehearsal. (Air Mail).



The theme of the famous Chelsea Arts Ball, which is held every year at the Albert Hall, London, on New Year's Eve, will this year be "Physical Fitness through the Ages". One of the most striking tableaux will be students of the Central School of Arts and Crafts, dressed in "Caveman" period dress, with a huge model of a prehistoric monster. (By Air Mail).

DIED WHILE MARCHING

Alexander Bower, unemployed labourer, of Christchurch-road, Newport (Mon.), collapsed and died in the arms of a policeman while marching in Newport Mayor's procession.

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LONDON GIRLS ATTACKED BY MAN WITH LISP

While search was being made for the silent "razor ripper," who has been terrifying women and men in the West Riding, he struck again—this time at Halifax.

The intended victim, the ninth, was Leslie Nicholls (21), a baker, who was attacked near his home. Fortunately, he was not injured.

Six women and three men have been struck at and wounded during the last fortnight in Halifax. Bradford and Ripponden. They were slashed as they were overtaken by an apparently innocent passer-by.

After each attack the "Ripper" has vanished. Bit by bit a description of him is being built up.

As she was returning from shopping, 19-year-old Mrs. Anne Stebbing, of Thuraby, Bradford, had her arm slashed for nine inches.

In Halifax, Miss Mary Sutcliffe (21) was gashed on the wrist as she passed a street lamp. Miss Sutcliffe says that her attacker sprang at her suddenly.

She saw a flash of metal and put up her arm to guard her face. So deep was the cut that four stitches had to be made.

She noticed that the "slasher" had rather prominent eyes.

Three separate attacks were reported in one night. The first two were in Halifax, where two middle-aged women were slashed at within 35 minutes of each other.

The third was in the adjoining township of Elland. Here Mr. Percy Waddington, manager of the Halifax Industrial Co-operative Society, Ltd., was severely gashed on the left hand.

Mr. Waddington told a reporter:—

"I had locked the shop and gone about 30 yards, when I felt a scratch on my hand. I swung round and grabbed at the attacker.

"My fingers caught hold of his coat, but the cloth tore off and he got away. I looked at my hand and saw blood streaming from it. A main artery had been severed.

"I never heard a sound—not a foot-step. The attack was made within a yard or two of a street lamp. No effort was made to grab my shop keys or get my money."

The cloth is looked upon as an important clue.

Mothers in the Walworth district of South London have imposed a 10 p.m. curfew on their daughters.

The reason is a number of attacks late at night by a man with a lisp. Eight cases have been reported to the police.

ESCORTS FOR GIRLS

Because of the alarm caused, plainclothes police have been drafted to the district to keep a look-out for the man.

Husbands, fathers, and young men have formed themselves into patrols to escort girls to their homes.

Miss Maisie Romain, 26-year-old shop assistant, of Marsland-road, Walworth, one of the girls attacked, said:

"I was walking through Manor-place shortly after midnight, when a man came up behind me, and said, 'Have you dropped this comb?' holding one in his hand. I told him I had not, and hurried on.

"He followed me, and asked, 'What are you doing to-morrow night?' I did not answer, but as I reached my home and was putting the key in the door he grasped me by the shoulder and bore me to the ground.

"Screaming 'Mother,' I struggled to my feet and pushed him away. He fell in the gutter, scrambled to his feet, and ran off as neighbours



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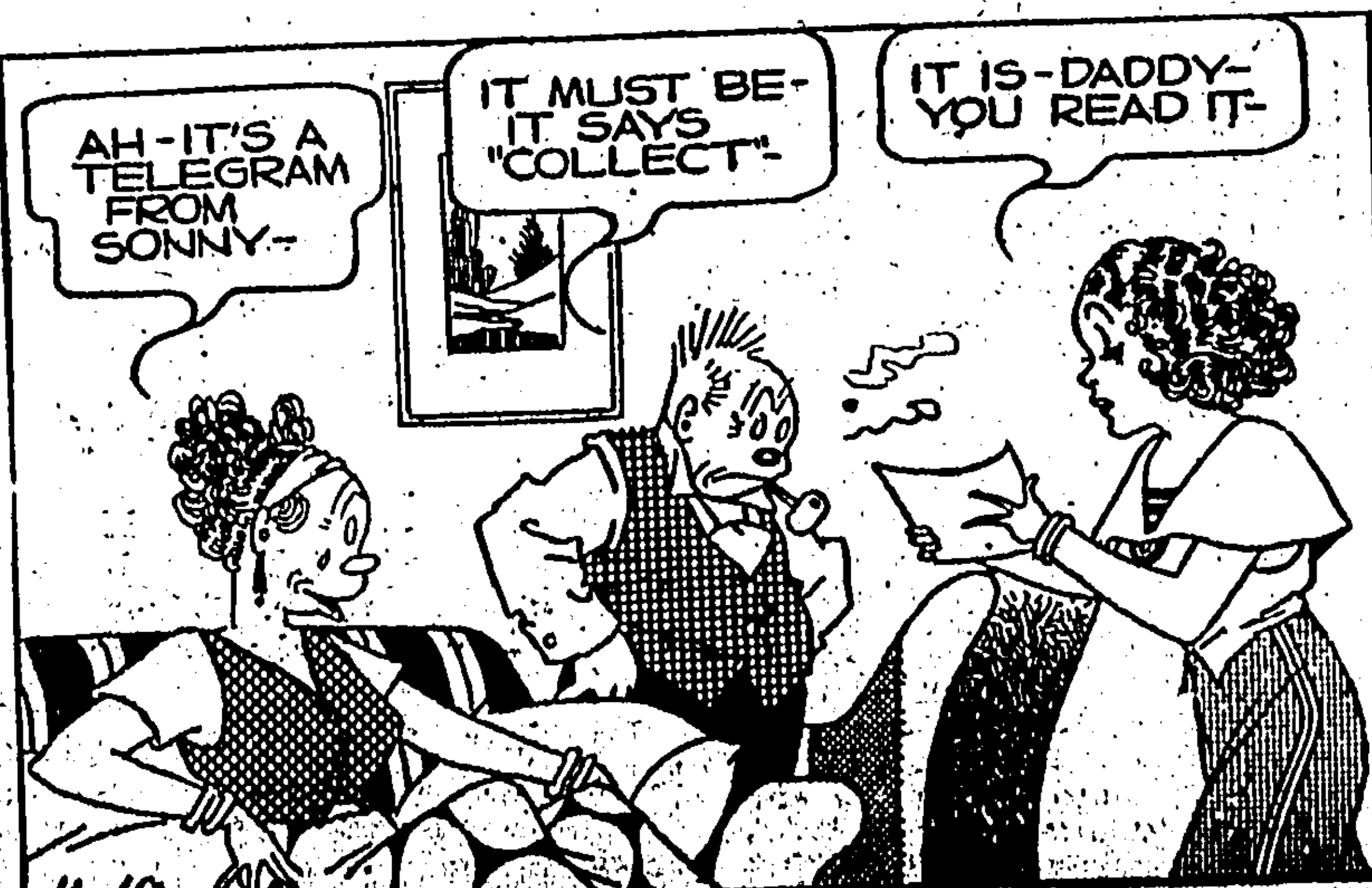
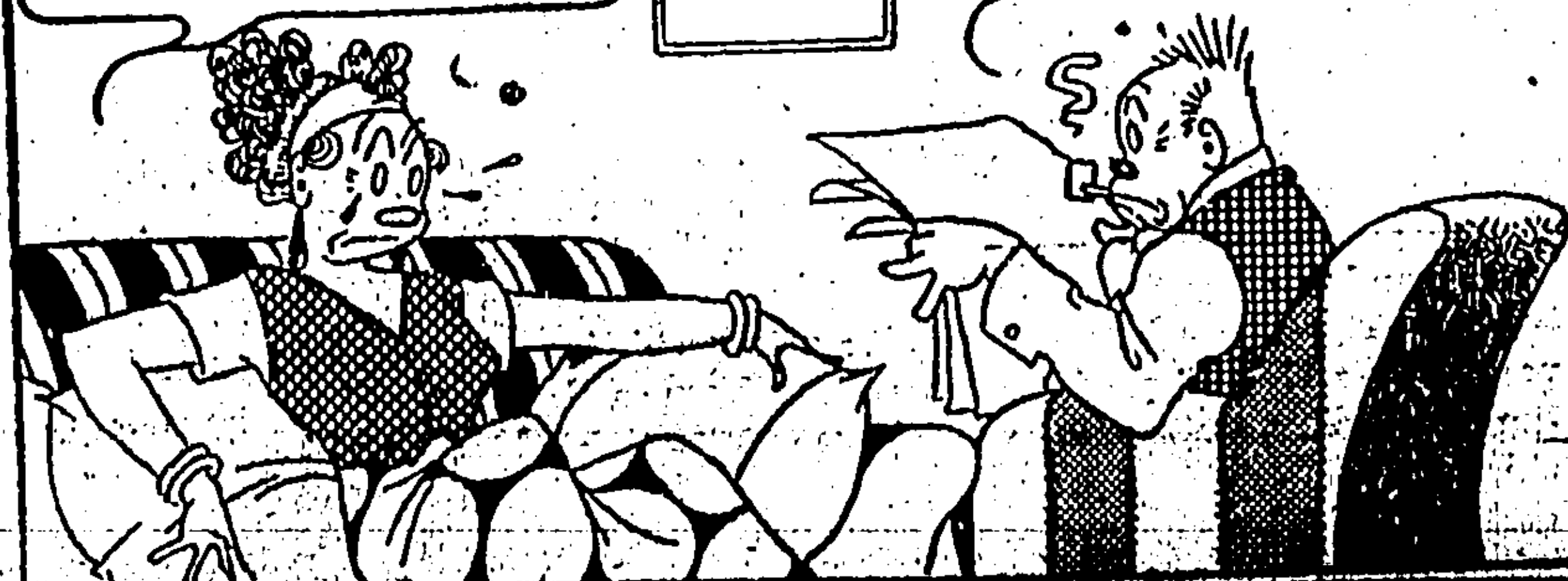
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"THE GIFT OF YESTERDAY"

IT was at the dinner table that Linda Muir first realised that she loved Simon Crane.

As the maid bent towards her and inquired politely: "Sauce, Madam," the words suddenly flashed through her brain: I love him! Why have I been so blind?

It was all so different from anything she had expected to love. Unromantic. Merely a statement of fact that was disconcerting and exceedingly uncomfortable.

Simon was the husband of her best friend, Jean!

"Don't you like the fish, Linda?"

She glanced down at the untouched course, and laughed.

"I was thinking," she explained lamely.

Jean Crane spoke from the other end of the table.

"There must be a love affair somewhere, Linda. I'm always waiting to hear that you are going to marry that nice man Johnnie Ross."

Linda felt a little hysterical.

Apart from her own problems, she was being unduly imaginative; or was Jean's voice pitched in rather an unusually high key?

Jean's informal dinners were usually such an enormous success. To-night, however, Linda felt that every guest was an intruder and that both host and hostess would be immeasurably thankful when the evening was over.

It was late when Jean whispered to her:

"Stay behind, Linda. I must talk to you."

Linda felt very hot and then very cold. All manner of fantastic ideas surged through her mind. What if Jean suspected her love for Simon?

There was a feeling of unreality as, eventually, she sat in Jean's bedroom (it was separated by a bathroom from Simon's dressing-room. She had been there a hundred times before, but to-night everything had an entirely new significance: a significance that made her acutely conscious of the intimacy of those rooms and of all that they represented in Simon's life.

Jean began without preamble: "I'm so utterly wretched, Linda. I had to talk to you."

Linda started guiltily and for no possible reason. She studied Jean for a fraction of a second. Dark, olive skinned, rather intense; a passionate, yet irresponsible, harmless type that it was impossible not to love. She said, sympathetically:

"I'm listening, Jean."

Jean twisted her wedding-ring almost as if its presence were distasteful, as she whispered:

"It's Huntly Manners. I—I love him."

Linda's heart jumped two or three beats.

"And Simon?" If only her voice wouldn't shake so.

"He hasn't any idea. Oh, Linda! If you knew how wretched I am."

Linda hadn't expected this. She knew Huntly Manners and disliked him. Too suave; altogether too convincing, too studiously polite to be sincere. But of what use telling Jean that?

"Are you quite sure, Jean," she said urgently. "It is so terribly easy to be carried away by one's emotions; so easy to—"

Jean interrupted her with passionate earnestness:

"I'm not infatuated, Linda. I'm too old for that kind of thing. At twenty one might be deceived, but at thirty—no!"

Linda smiled. She knew that Jean would still be a child at forty. She was that type.

"What ideas has Mr. Manners about it," she asked.

"He wants to go to Simon—tell him the truth."

"And let him divorce you?"

Linda's voice was entirely out of control. It was impossible to stop the rush of thought. Simon free—free!

She said almost desperately in an effort to shut out her own point of view:

"Don't do anything foolish; I beg of you Jean! Think it over."

Jean caught at her hand.

"Promise me that you'll come along every day? And if ever I should be out, wait for me? I must find some solution to the whole thing before long. And I can't bear the evenings alone with Simon. I'm frightened."

"Not of him?" Linda murmured.

"No; of myself."

For the next fortnight, Linda spent most of her evenings at the Crane house. There were hours when Jean was absent and hours when she and Simon were alone. In some strange, unaccountable way, Linda felt that her presence there was a necessity, no matter how hard the task was. She had that inevitable feeling that should she desert her post tragedy would come smashing down over Simon's and Jean's heads.

And one evening Simon said abruptly:

"Things are wrong, Linda. I feel as though Jean had pushed me into a dark room and shut the door in my face."

Linda tried to laugh.

"You're imagining things."

"I wish the explanation were as simple as that," he said gravely.

"Jean's different. Every time I look at her she avoids my gaze—almost as though she were hiding something from me. Besides, everything is different. Linda," his voice grew pleading: "Do you know anything about it at all?"

"About what?" She fought to keep her voice steady.

"Jean. She's out so much these days. Even when she insists on your coming over it makes no difference. Although God knows what I'd have done without you these last weeks." He looked at her. "You've wasted so much time here."

"Wasted?" Linda's voice shook.

"I thought we were—friends?"

"We are," he said gently, "but that does not give us the right to trespass on that friendship."

"You could never do that, Simon."

He looked down at her and his expression changed.

All the love she had striven to hide seemed to well up within her, leaving her helpless and a little afraid. Simon was so close that she had only to raise her lips. . . . The atmosphere was alive, tense. What if it were possible to win his love—to make him conscious of her other than as a trusted friend; to make him think of her as a woman to be loved? Jean didn't value his affection; she didn't want him, so that there would be no question of stealing another woman's husband.

But in that moment Jean came into the room, her eyes were unusually bright, her voice a trifle high pitched as she murmured some incoherent apology as she greeted Linda.

Simon looked at her long and steadily as he said:

"We've been waiting for you. Where have you been?"

Jean tossed aside her magnificent furs, dragged a little velvet cap from her head and replied:

"To a charity bazaar with Flor-

"You tired of me, too," he asked bitterly.

She raised her eyes. Swiftly he bent his lips to hers.

She stepped back from him and cried painfully:

"You love Jean so much that you'd do anything to forget the suffering she's causing you. Am I right?"

And as she uttered the words her heart was crying: "Fool! Don't you see that soon you will be indispensable to him; that in time the memory of Jean will grow dim beside the promise in your eyes?" And then a voice that whispered: "He loves his wife; it was her lips he kissed—not yours."

Simon's eyes closed for a fraction of a second. Then:

"I'm sorry, Linda. That was almost an—insult. Forgive me."

"You love her more than anything else in life?" she insisted dully.

"Even if I do, it is too late," he said heavily.

"If I prove to you that she does love you? That all this has been nothing more than a misunderstanding due to perhaps her thoughtlessness, would that make you happy? If I brought her home—fetched her back from the party—simply by telling her that you hate it without her, would that convince you?"

Linda motored down from London to Ripley. The cool peace of the evening, once she got out of the traffic, laid soothing fingers on her hot, aching head. For her, this journey was the end of the road; a door being shut, finally, in the face of happiness.

It was eight-thirty when she reached Ripley and the cottage where Jean was staying. To her impatient ringing came the impatient sound of a man muttering as he stumbled through semi-darkness towards the door.

And as it opened, Linda said, without surprise:

"Good evening, Mr. Manners. I thought I should find you here."

Jean came towards her, fearfully, from a lamp-lit sitting-room. Her face was deathly white, pitiful in its agitation. And as she met her friend's searching, accusing gaze she cried:

"I didn't lie to you, Linda, I swear it. I'd no idea of—of all

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Short Story

By Sonia Deane

ence Reeves. Why?"

Simon sighed.

"Oh, nothing, except that charity should begin at home. I've hardly seen you during the last few weeks. And Linda has been here over an hour."

Jean smiled.

"Surely she is a very good substitute," she exclaimed gaily.

"Very good," said Simon abruptly.

The crisis came one afternoon when Jean telephoned to Linda saying that she would be staying the night with some friends.

Simon accepted Linda's explanation of his wife's absence.

"I'd like her capacity for having a good time," he said. "Jean's such a child in many ways, and in others—" he broke off and added: "What about our starting, Linda? Don't you think we're being rather stuffy and old-fashioned?"

What about a dance, or a theatre?"

"But Simon!"

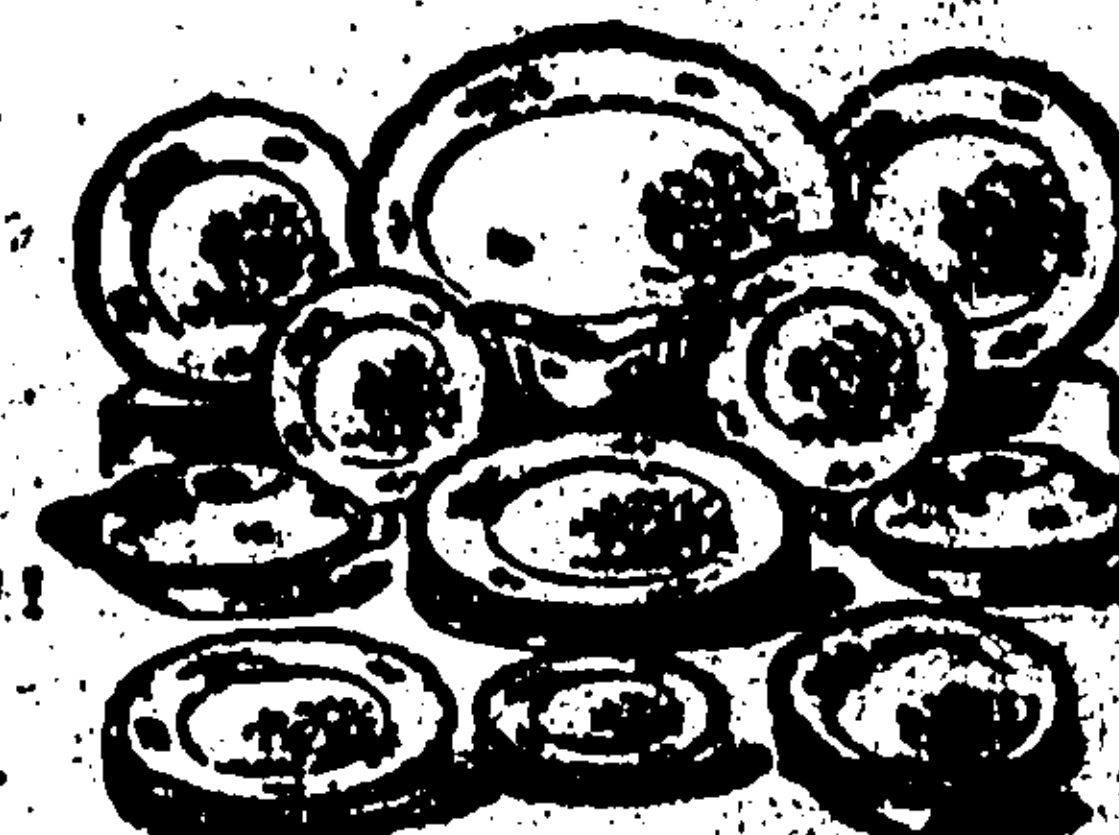
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MEANWHILE SKEETER AND JERRY.

TAILSPIN TOMMY IS GETTING OUT OF HIS PLANE, NOW, FOLKS, AND COMING OVER.

UNAWARE THAT ONE OF THE MEN IN THE VACANT HOUSE NEAR THE AIRPORT IS NOW TRAINING A HIGH-POWERED RIFLE, EQUIPPED WITH A TELESCOPIC SIGHT, RIGHT AT THE 'MIKE' ON THE ANNOUNCER'S PLATFORM, READY TO PULL THE TRIGGER JUST AS SOON AS HE STEPS UP TO TALK TO THE THOUSANDS OF SPECTATORS, WHO ARE YELLING FOR THE WINNER OF THE RACE.

AND HERE IS TAILSPIN TOMMY IN PERSON, FOLKS! THE WINNER OF THE BENDIX RACE!

TOMMY WALKS TOWARD THE ANNOUNCER'S STAND

TOMMY! TOMMY! DON'T GO ON THAT STAND! O-OH, HE CAN'T HEAR ME.

BY A STRANGE TWIST OF FATE, THE BULLET INTENDED FOR TOMMY STRUCK THE VERY MAN WHO HAD ARRANGED FOR TOMMY'S ASSASSINATION, NONE OTHER THAN BEN SHOOT, COMET PILOT, WHO RUSHED AHEAD OF TAILSPIN TO THE RADIO 'MIKE' TO PROTEST THE MERCURY'S VICTORY! A DOCTOR, WHO IS SUMMONED BRIEFLY EXAMINES THE INERT FLYER AND GRAVELY ANNOUNCES.

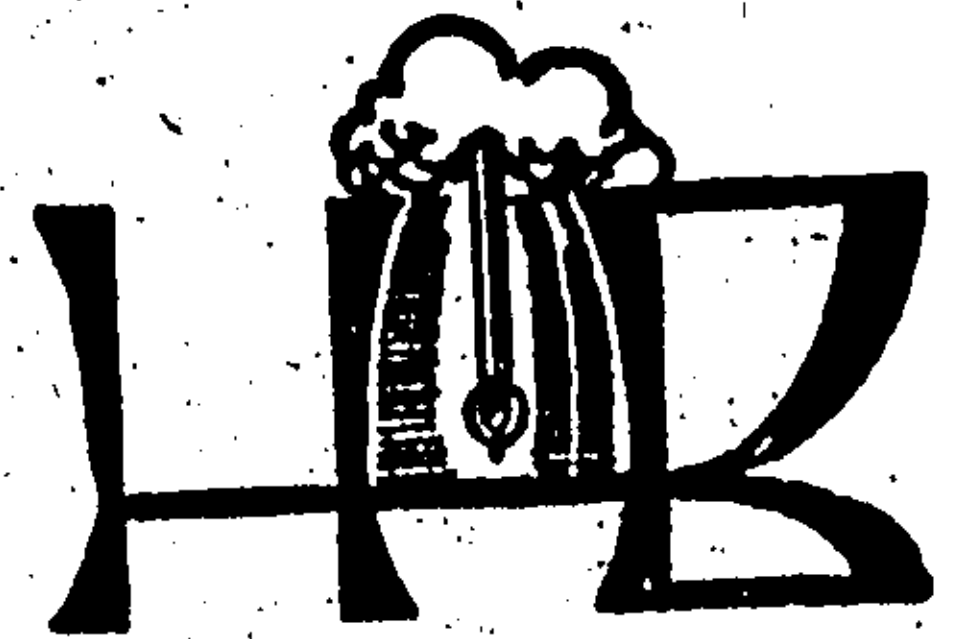
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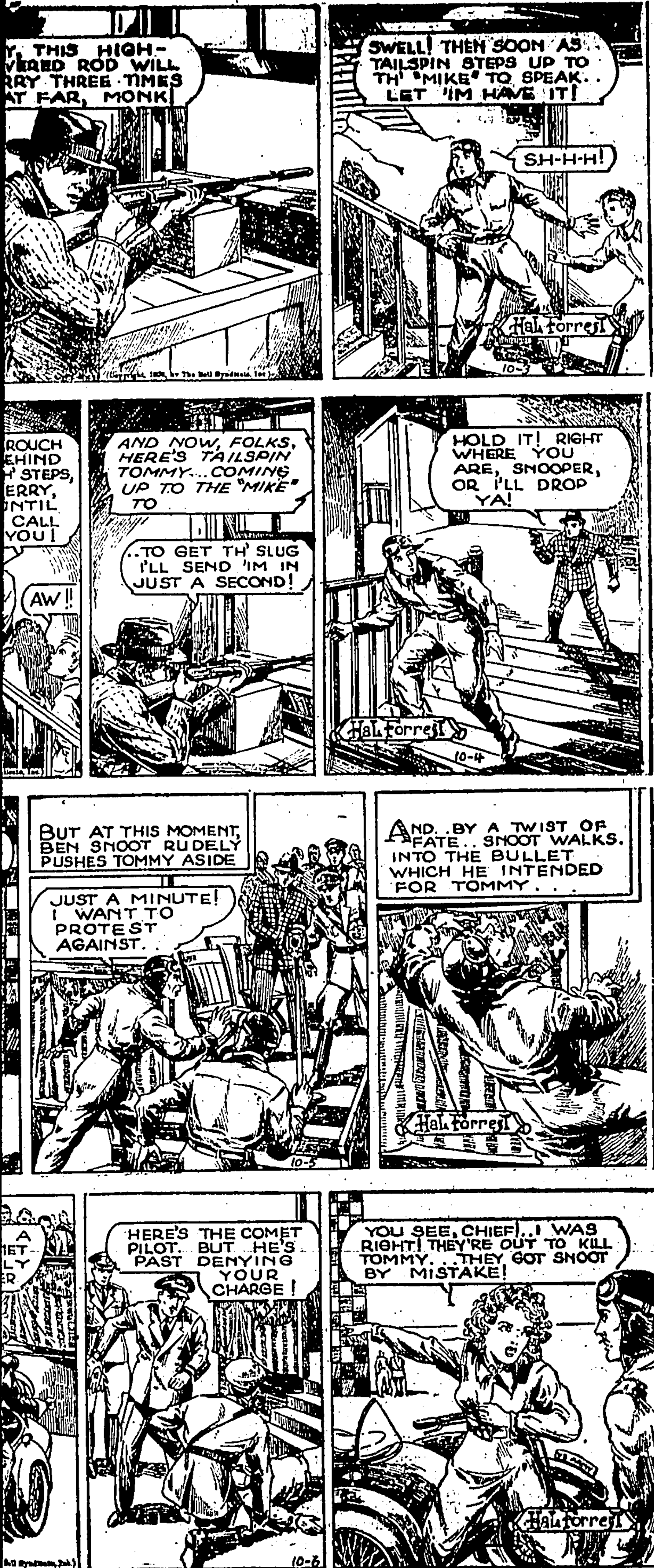
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THE STAMP COLLECTOR'S CORNER

By Mariel Nissen

THE year 1940 will be a most important date in the annals of philately, for it will mark the 100th anniversary of the introduction of postage stamps. It is almost certain that Great Britain will honour the occasion with a special stamp issue in a design yet to be selected. The perfect design for this centenary stamp has been somewhat prematurely used by Brazil, and the only wonder is that someone didn't use it before.

The Brazilian Philatelic Exhibition at Rio de Janeiro, held from October 20 to the 30th, occasioned the issue of this adhesive which is held to be one of the most interesting stamps of all time.

Featured on the stamp is a portrait of Sir Rowland Hill, father of postage stamps, who receives his first philatelic tribute. In the upper left corner is a reproduction of the first British one-penny stamp. At the lower right appears a reproduction of Brazil's first adhesive, a stamp popularly known as the "bull's eye." Brazil was the second country in the world to use stamps, following Great Britain in this practice by three years.

Sir Rowland Hill was born in 1795 and died in 1879. He began to teach mathematics at the advanced age of 12 and continued in the role of educator with great success until failing health compelled his retirement in 1833.

He then turned his attention to inventions for a time and later became greatly interested in the work of colonising Australia. The deficiencies of the existing postal system had bothered him for sometime. It was the practice in those days for the person to whom a letter was addressed to pay for it, and he had the privilege of accepting or refusing the message. People clever at codes were able to transmit a message by outer cover only so that the recipient could refuse the letter after a cursory glance at the envelope had revealed the information required. Postage rates were so high that this procedure was indulged in with great frequency.

One day Sir Rowland Hill observed a servant girl refuse a letter because she lacked the shilling to pay for it. Feeling sorry for her, he advanced the money, then insisted that she open the letter for her message. With great reluctance she complied, only to reveal a blank sheet of paper as the contents of the envelope. The message had been conveyed by the outer covering.

Hill realised that a great source of revenue was available to the government for a workable postage system, and he went to work to evolve pre-paid postage as we know it to-day. His ideas were so revolutionary that he had great difficulty in having them accepted, but he won and the result was the beautiful and famous one-penny black, adorned with a profile of the youthful Queen Victoria. The stamp was issued on May 6, 1840 and that, stamp collectors, was the beginning of your hobby.

FROM THE FAR NORTH
 A MOST attractive souvenir sheet has been issued by Iceland in commemoration of Leif Ericson. The sheet consists of three values, 30, 40 and 60 aur. The 60 aur is the centre stamp and presents the portion of the globe in which Iceland, Greenland and the north coast of America



appear. These are the territories to which Ericson came about the year 1000.

The 30a stamp, appearing at the left of the sheet, is printed in red and bears a view of the Ericson statue, standing in Iceland's capital city of Reykjavik. This work was executed by A. Sterling-Calder, American sculptor, and was presented to the people of Iceland by the United States on the occasion of the millenary of the Icelandic Parliament in 1930. Another view of the statue is presented on the 40a, purple, value.

Iceland's coat of arms appears at the top centre of the sheet and below that is the inscription "Leifr Eiricsson's Day, 9 Oct. 1938". The inscription along the bottom reads, "Leifr Eiricsson, Son of Iceland—Discoverer of Vinland".

Ericson, son of Eric the Red, introduced Christianity to Iceland, and is generally credited with the discovery of the continent of North America which he named Vinland.

SCIENTISTS AGAIN HONOURED

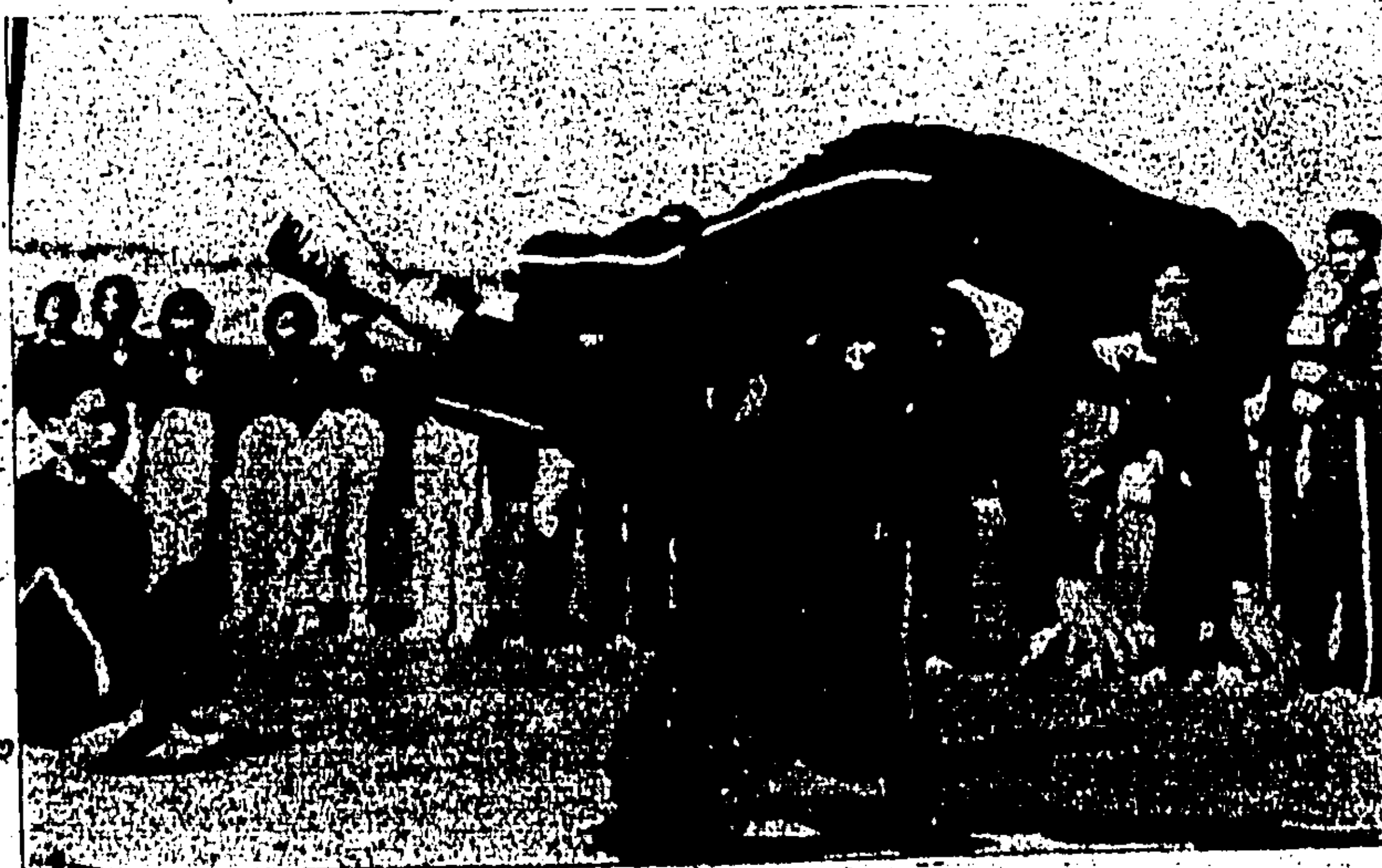
IT was on a Turkish stamp that Madame Curie made her philatelic debut, and now another Turkish stamp is scheduled to portray both her and her almost equally famous husband, Pierre Curie. The stamp, which is to appear soon, will be an anti-cancer semi-postal with a value of 12½ pi plus 5 pi.

STAMP TEASERS

1. What stamp character is known as the "woodpecker man"?
2. The excavation of ruins provides a scene on what adhesive?
3. Where is the Brandenburg Gate, and on what stamp does it appear?
4. Do you know the stamp which pictures a worker carving the dates "1917-1922" in stone?
5. What stamp pictures a famous discoverer with his dog at his feet?

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

1. A peacock with outspread tail appears on a stamp of Jaipur issued in 1931.
2. The Arabian kingdom of Nejd issued a stamp in 1925 to commemorate the first pilgrimage to Mecca.
3. Professor A. S. Popoff, who is portrayed on a 1925 Russian adhesive, is famous for his work in wireless telegraphy.
4. Zagreb Cathedral is in Yugoslavia and is presented on a 1932 stamp of that country.
5. The Quetzal appears on many stamps of Guatemala.



Could you do this? Gymnasts at the International Sports.



Not a nightmare but the fancy dress football game at Caroline Hill.

"THE GIFT OF YESTERDAY"

(Continued from page 1)

this, when I phoned you. I thought Florence was staying here, but afterwards when she had to get back and Huntly wanted me to—" she stopped. "You must believe me."

"I do," Linda said shortly, "although that isn't important."

"Does it matter so much whether your friend believes you or not," broke in Huntly impatiently. Jean asked, her voice harsher, now:

"Why have you come, Linda? Why couldn't you leave me alone?"

Linda ignored that. She turned to Huntly Manners.

"So you love Jean?" she said calmly.

He moved from one foot to the other and made an irritated gesture.

"What business is it of yours?" His thin lips rapped out the words with a deadly precision; his temper was rising.

"I thought," Linda went on, "that you wanted to marry Jean?"

Manners laughed: it was a laugh in which relief and irritability were curiously blended.

"Marry her! Good heavens, how sentimental you women are!" He moved nearer to Jean, his courage returning. "Jean's not a child; she knows what she's doing. As for marriage! That's good. Neither of us is particularly interested in ties." He laughed.

Linda looked down at Jean, who had sunk slowly down into the nearest chair.

"I'll give you two chances, Jean. Either you stay here for good with this noble specimen of humanity, or you give me your sacred promise never to see him or communicate with him again. And I warn you that if you do stay here, I shall see to it that Simon never takes you back. He loves you; and you are smashing his life, his happiness, and I don't intend that you shall go on doing it. Do you understand?"

Huntly Manners rapped out: "So that's it! Your concern is for—Simon! You came down here to spy on us so that you could betray Jean to her husband and, in the process, grab him for yourself. Very neat." He turned to Jean.

"I suggest you show your—friend to the door," he said. "Her threats are rather foolish."

Jean stood up in that second and her voice trembled with scorn as she said, loyally:

"I can never repay Linda for showing me what a cad you really are."

"Jean!"

"Don't!" There was distaste, contempt in her expression. "I despise myself for ever listening to you."



The start of an event at the International Sports.

Manners began protesting. This was the first time in his worthless life that he had ever been deserted. It was a blow to his pride. A severe blow. To him the association had been a very pleasant interlude.

Jean dragged her coat on and followed Linda to the door without looking back.

Later, on their way home, she cried in a tone that was pathetic in its earnestness:

"I feel so—so ashamed!"

There was a tenderness in Linda's voice as she said:

"Experience isn't always pleasant. I knew from the start that Huntly Manners was not the type to be sincere."

"If only you'd told me"—plainly.

"Would you have believed me?"

"Wouldn't you have told me to mind my own business and accused me of merely being narrow-minded; of criticising the circumstances rather than the man?"

"I suppose so."

"And now all you have to do is to forget all this; start again and make Simon happy."

"I must tell him."

"No," cried Linda sharply. "That would merely be relieving your conscience at his expense."

"But—"

"Don't you see, Jean? It would serve no purpose and jeopardise his faith in your love for him." A pause then, unevenly: "There's so much ahead for both of you that it would be madness to smash things—now."

"How can I explain my neglect—everything?"

"By telling him the simple truth that you didn't realise how stupid and thoughtless you were being in spending so much time away from him. Tell him that, now, you're weary of the eternal round of parties, etc. He loves you, Jean; explanations won't interest him so long as you convince him that you—care."

Jean's eyes were bright—suspiciously bright as she murmured:

"I do care." It was the merest whisper. "You may not find it easy to believe in the face of—of all that's happened; but I know, now, that had I stayed there with Huntly—" she broke off with a shudder—"I could never have gone back. Oh, Linda, what you have saved me, spared me. You once warned me that nothing could ever put back the clock and give me yesterday. I know, tonight, what you meant. You've

saved me from a life-time of remorse, of misery. I'll never be able to repay you—never!"

It was getting late when they reached London.

Jean did her best to persuade Linda to stay the night, but without success.

"I'm going straight home to bed," was the firm reply. "You run in. Simon will be waiting for you and there'll be no room for a third party."

"There'll always be room for you," Jean whispered. "I shall tell Simon that—"

"Tell him nothing except that I've—I've returned you with my love," Linda forced a laugh, slipped the car in gear and slid away into the darkness.

Unshed tears burned her eyes; sobs rose in her throat.

But in her heart was a strange, comforting peace as of a battle having been won—with honour.

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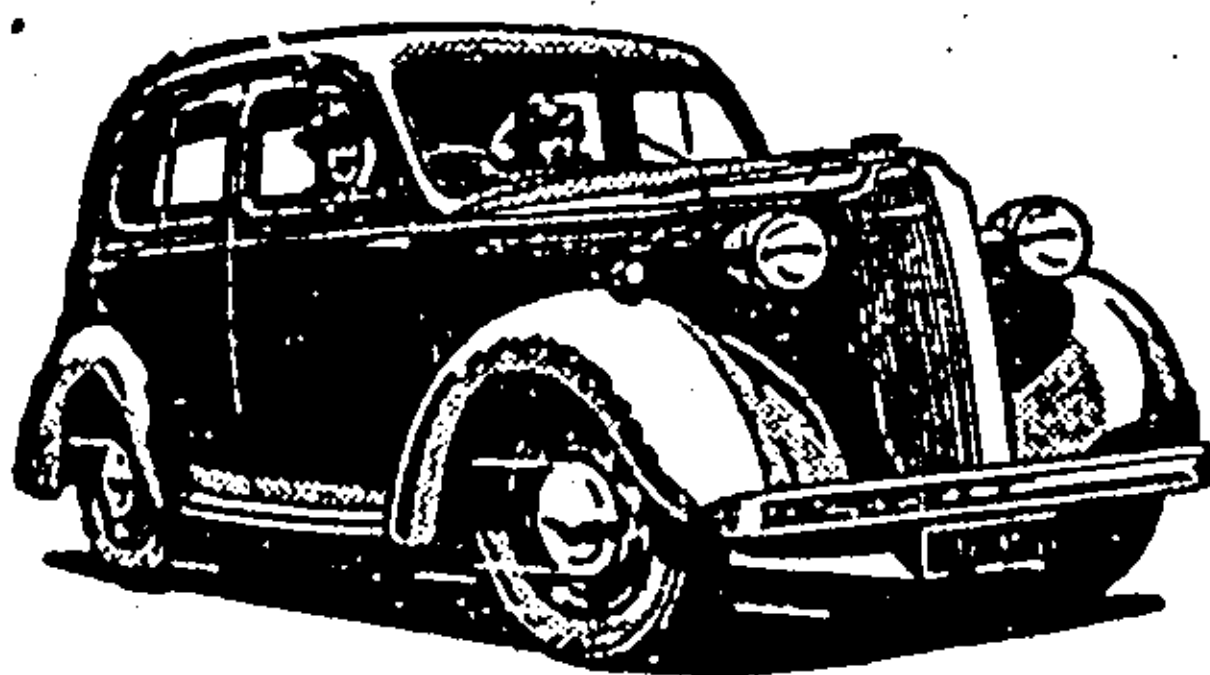
comb?"

. She did not reply, and hurried on,
but as she turned into the gate of
her house a young man grasped her
round the neck, and struck her in
the face. She screamed, and he ran
off.

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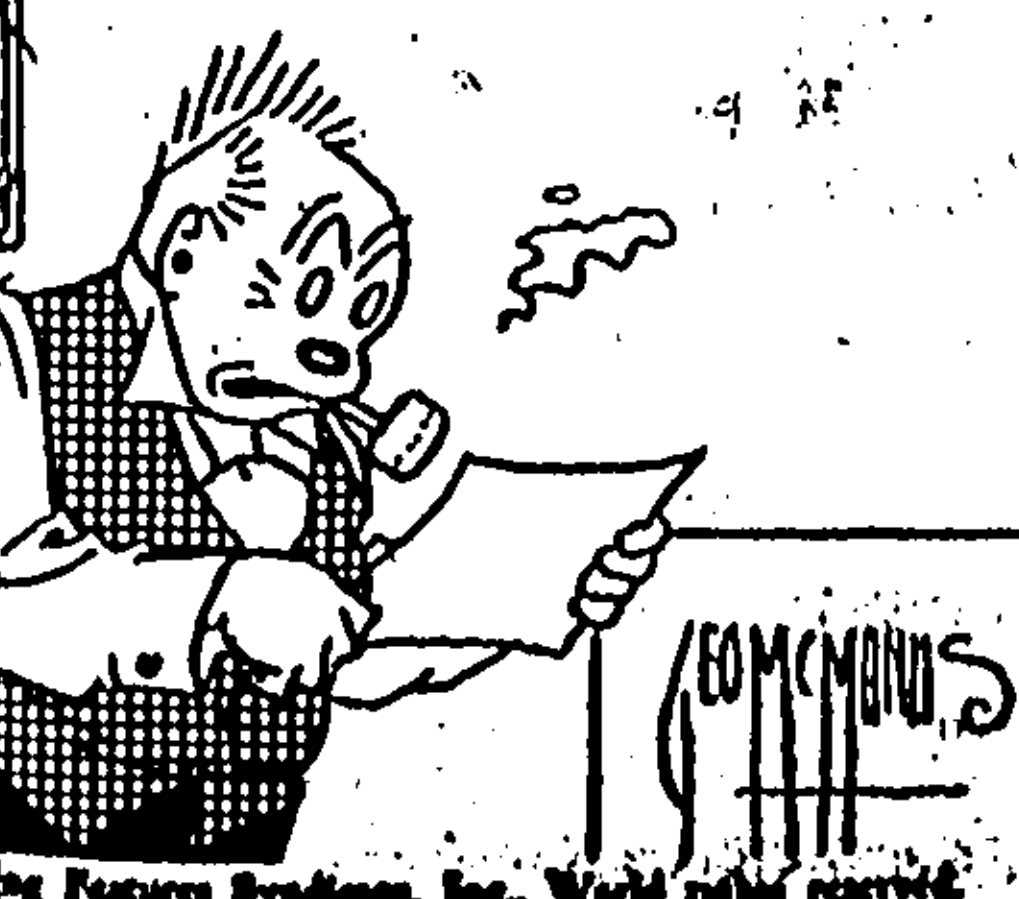


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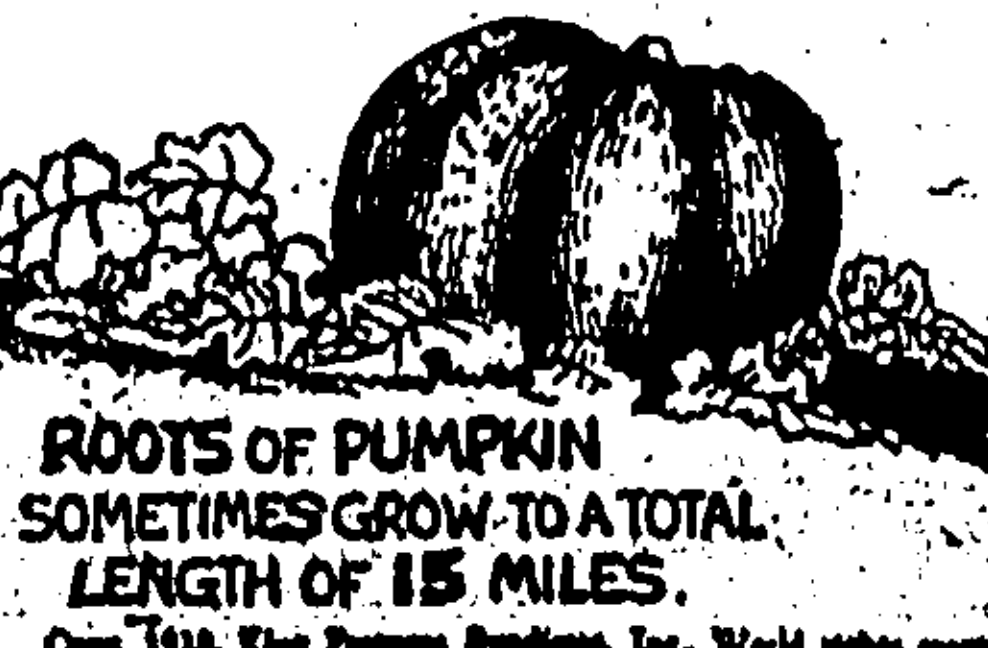


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What The Stars Foretell

By MARY BLAKE

You must be hopeful this day, for personal needs will be met, and only by having a sufficient amount of faith and a firm conviction of your own ability will you master any difficult situation. No one can successfully play a double game this day. Many smooth-tongued excuses may be offered, but their plausibility is apt to be questioned. In some totally unexpected manner most bothersome problems solved this day. Social activities should be helpful, for valuable contacts are likely to be made in this way. Married and engaged couples, as well as those whose hearts have been conquered by love, will find that praise and compliments are likely to work miracles, in creating happiness this day.

Witty Kitty



These holiday feasts would be swell if it weren't for the fact that no one is satisfied unless by the end of one he is as stuffed as the turkey.

If a woman and December 30 is your birthday, you might not appear to be, but in reality you are, a deep thinker. You may find yourself best adapted for work along intellectual lines. Your love of excitement possibly will cause you to take some wild chances, perhaps in a business way. It will be best for you to avoid highly speculative ventures. You will prevent trouble if you are careful in signing documents or any agreement that might involve your future. As a store or office executive, author, artist, journalist, teacher, actress or broker your efforts are likely to be well rewarded. Your matrimonial chances for happiness seem to be unlimited.

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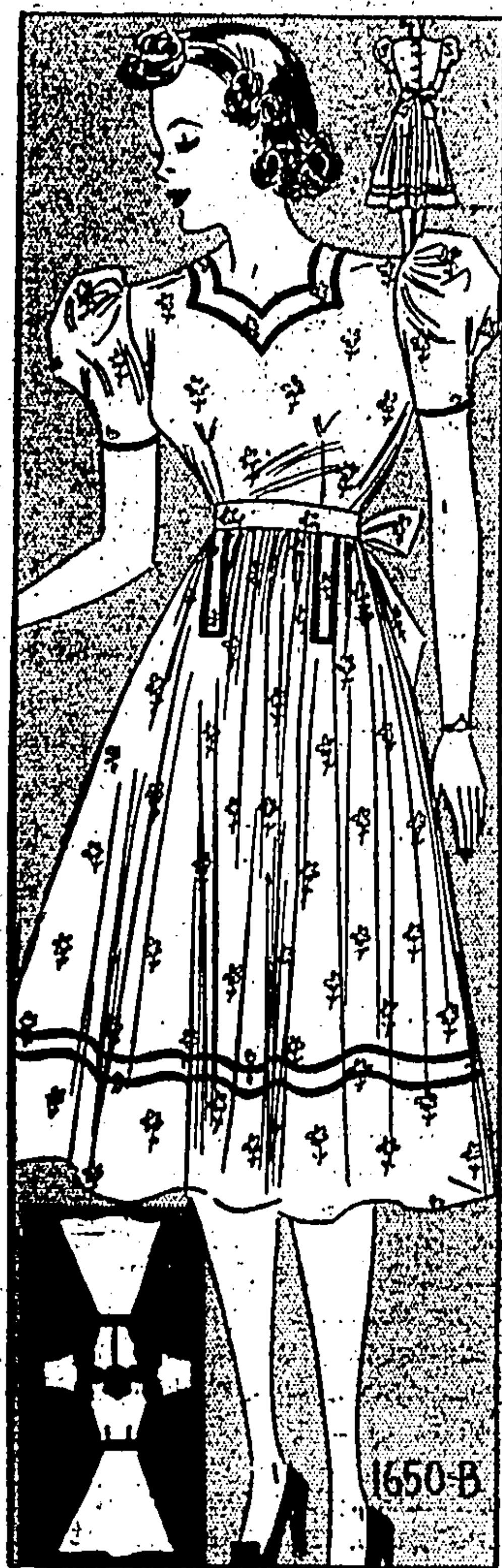
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by PATRICIA LINDSAY



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Hair Ornaments Take Spectacular Trend

Literally, the sky is the limit in hair ornamentation this year! Hairdressers are so delighted with the popularity of the upswept coiffure that they are having themselves a time, creating the most daring and spectacular dramatisations of milady's crest!

Not content with massive and bulky jewels as hair ornaments — or feathers, flowers and gilded species of bugs — they have determined to bring attention to your head through glittering sequins of many hues, coloured nets to match your gowns, circus snoods and the most ostentatious of ornaments. So one may pin any oddity upon one's head and wear it proudly in Dame Fashion's name — from grandfather's weighty watchfob and chain to the Trylon and Perisphere, symbols of the World's Fair!

Yes, even architecture has provided the inspiration for the latest in upswept coiffures! Emile of New York selected two lovely Radio City Music Hall Rockettes as his models, and used the World's Fair symbols in miniature to place new emphasis on height in hair fashions!

Around these modeled ornaments he fashioned two elegant coiffures which indicate that hair is going up, up, up — and it will not be long before we will take great-grandmother's wired frames from the attic and dust them off for our own use;

Styles Indicate Permanence Of Fashion

For the first time in years milliners and dress designers have built their hats and costumes

around a hairdressing trend. Your head, my dear, leads the style parade!

You Can Train Your Hair

There are all sorts of aids at your command to help you train your tresses to the new trend, and to keep them put after a setting. Bobby pins, barrets, combs and eye-entrancing ornaments.

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And what fun it is to truly dress up your hair. It makes any party just that much more thrilling and successful!

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THIRD DAY BREAKFAST

Calories
Drink the strained juice of a lemon in 2/3 glass of warm water every morning directly after early elimination, at least one half hour before breakfast 50

Choice of:
1 ordinary drinking tumbler of orange juice of grapefruit juice 100
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1 slice of whole wheat, rye or bran toast 50
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Total 300

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Large vegetable salad *with special diet dressing . 200
1 slice rye, bran or whole wheat bread 50
1 teaspoon of butter 30
1 fruit compote (4 pieces) ... 125

Total 405

DINNER

Tomato juice — usual 25
1 regular serving of fish (about 6 oz.) 200
1 cup string beans 50
Parsley potatoes 125
Pineapple and cottage cheese salad with special dressing . 200
3 large pecans 100

Total 700

Total calories for the day 1405
Tall girl allowed 1700

*How to Make Diet Dressing

1 tbs. of olive oil
2 tbs. of lemon juice
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Mothers!

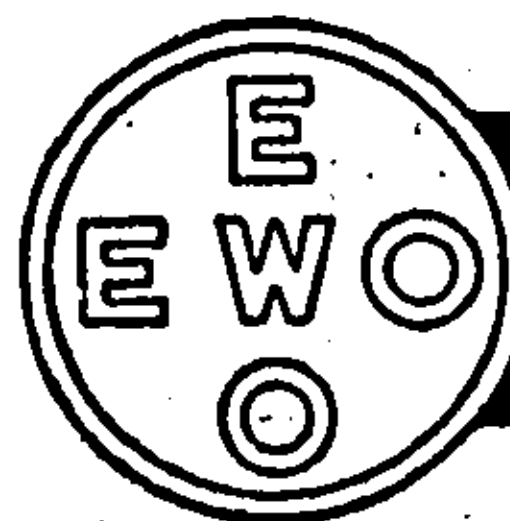
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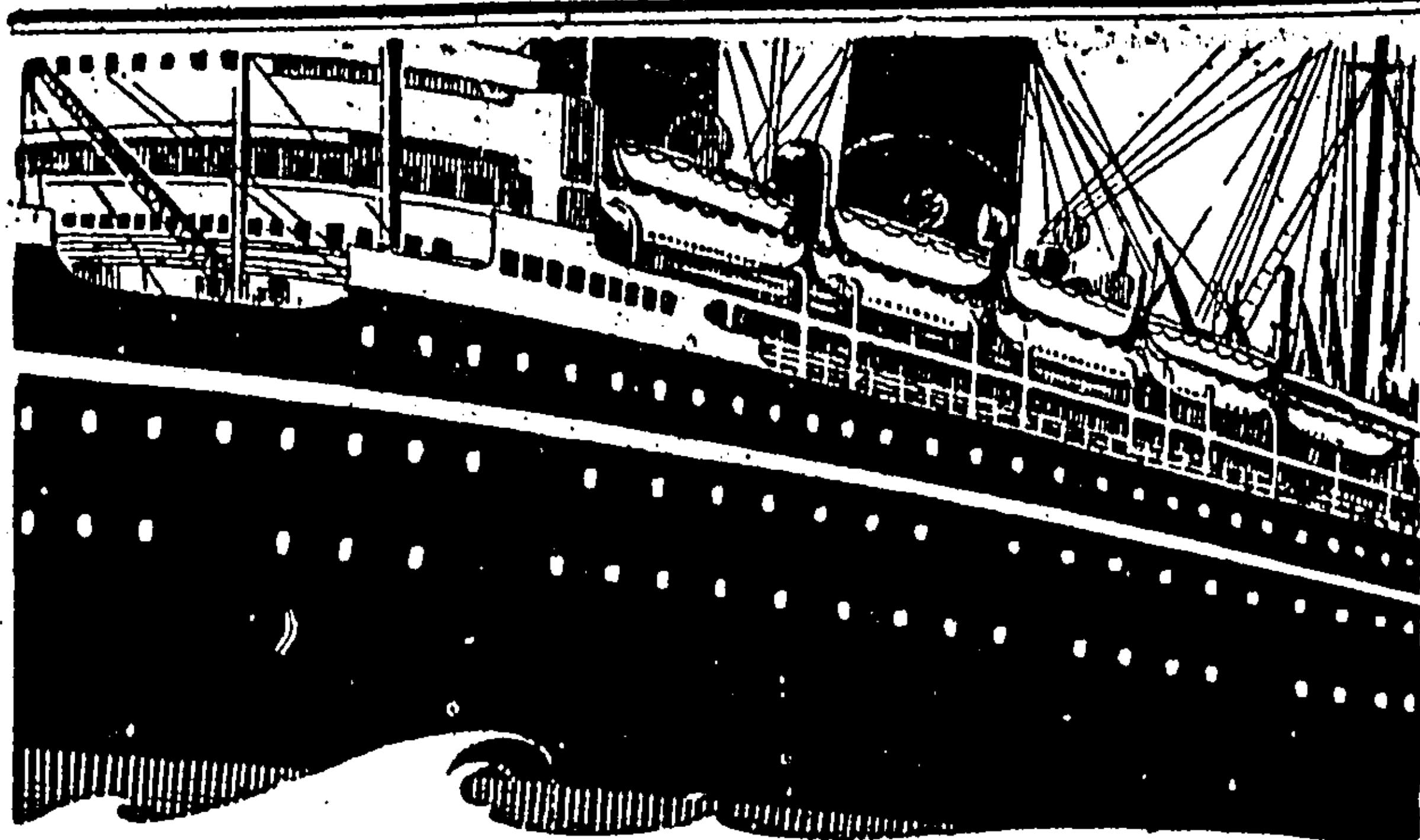


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SHIRALA	8,000	5th Jan.	Japan.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	6th Jan.	Shanghai & Japan.
TILAWA	10,000	19th Jan.	Japan.
RANCHI	17,000	20th Jan.	Shanghai & Japan.
*SOUDAN	6,000	21st Jan.	Shanghai & Japan.
SANTHIA	8,000	2nd Feb.	Japan.
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There will be one collection from the pillar-boxes as on Sundays and one delivery of Registered and Ordinary correspondence at 11.30 a.m.

The Branch Post Offices at Stanley, Tai Po and On Long will also have one delivery of ordinary correspondence at 11.00 a.m.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

BROADCAST RECEIVING LICENCES

Holders of licences are reminded that if it is desired to continue to retain possession of the apparatus after the date of expiration of the licence a renewal must be effected without delay.

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- by messenger.
- by post.

It is essential under (c) and preferable under (a) and (b) that applications should be accompanied by crossed Cheque payable to the Hong Kong Government. The new licence will then be sent by post or messenger as soon as it is ready. Where actual cash is tendered a new licence should be received in exchange before leaving the Licensing Office.

In the case of renewal the old licence should be returned with the application.

Registered and Ordinary mails (not Insured or Parcels) will be accepted for Canton and despatched as circumstances permit.

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INWARD MAILS

Shanghai and Swatow	Soochow	December 30.
Amoy and Swatow	Hupen	December 30.
Calcutta and Straits	Kunming	December 30.
Shanghai	m/v Nanking	December 30.
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C. date, 10th Dec.)	Emp. of Japan	December 30.
Manila	Pres. Taft	December 30.
Honolulu	Munam	December 31.
Java	Tjisalak	December 31.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service" — San Francisco date, 21st December.	Pan-American Airways Plane	Dec. 31.
Air mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" — London date, 26th Dec.	Imperial Airways Plane	December 31.
Straits	Ansun	January 1.
Laos	Laos	January 1.
Straits	Behar	January 1.
Straits	Sarpedon	January 1.
Java and Manila	Tjisalak	January 2.
Japan and Shanghai	Bangalore	January 2.
Straits	Titan	January 3.
Calcutta and Straits	Shirala	January 3.

OUTWARD MAILS

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

For	Per	Date and Time.
	FRIDAY	
Haiphong	Canton	Dec. 30, 2 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Japan	Dec. 30, 4.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Menelaus	Dec. 30, 7 p.m.
	SATURDAY	
Shanghai	Kaying	Dec. 31, 8.30 a.m.
Papers for Straits and (Parcels and Talma)	G.P.O. & K.P.O.	Sat., Dec. 31, 9 a.m.
	Par.,	Dec. 30, 5 p.m.
	Pap.,	Dec. 31, 9 a.m.
Manila, Rabaul, Australia, and New Zealand via Brisbane—due Brisbane, 17 January, 1939.	G.P.O. & K.P.O.	Sat., Dec. 31, 9 a.m.
	Par.,	Dec. 30, 5 p.m.
	Reg.,	Dec. 31, 8.45 a.m.
	Ord.,	Dec. 31, 9.30 a.m.
Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America via San Francisco (Parcels and Papers only for Canada)—due San Francisco, 19th Jan., 1939.	G.P.O. & K.P.O.	Sat., Dec. 31, 9 a.m.
	Par.,	Dec. 31, 3 p.m.
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TAIPING	10 Mar.	17 Mar.	20 Mar.	5 Apr.
CHANGTE	11 Apr.	18 Apr.	21 Apr.	7 May

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HAKONE MARU Saturday, 28th Jan.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila, Davao, Thursday Island and Brisbane.

KITANO MARU Thursday, 26th Jan.

BOMBAY via Singapore and Colombo.

*BRITISH MONARCH Friday, 30th Dec.

*HAKODATE MARU Wednesday, 11th Jan.

RANGOON & CALCUTTA via Singapore

*TUSIMA MARU Friday, 30th Dec.

*TAZIMA MARU Friday, 8th Jan.

KOBE & YOKOHAMA

YASUKUNI MARU (via S'hai) Tuesday, 10th Jan.

KAMO MARU (direct Nagasaki) Friday, 20th Jan.

HAKONE MARU (via Keelung, S'hai) Friday, 10th Feb.

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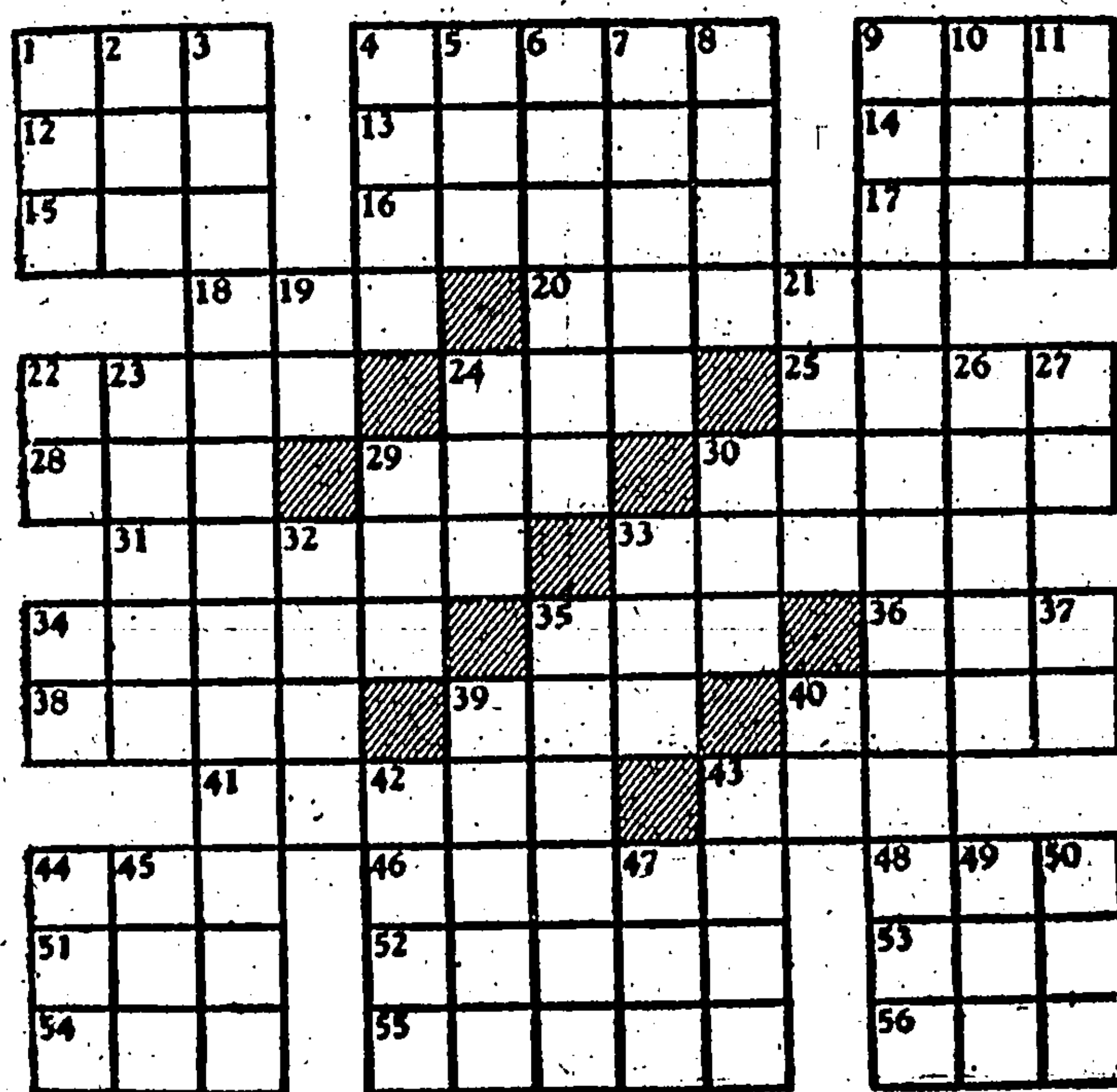
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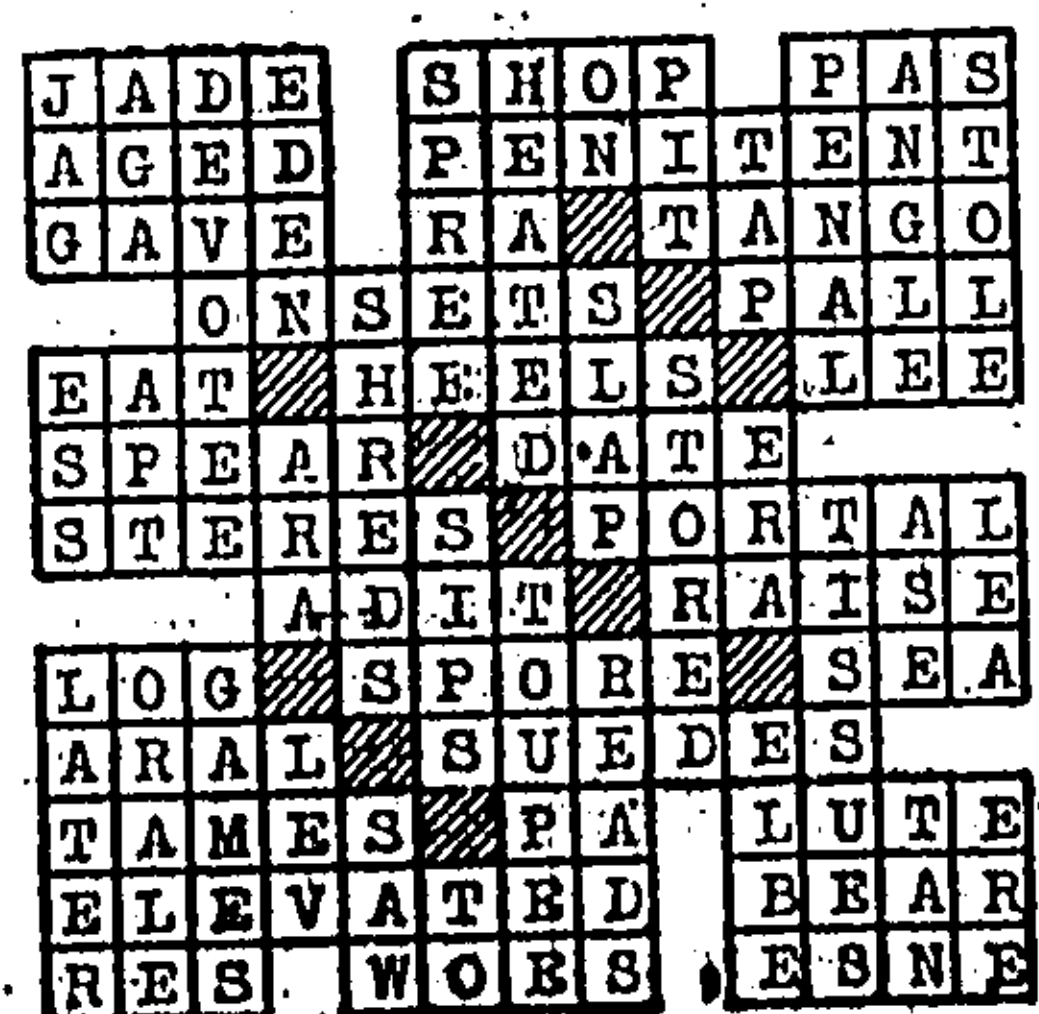
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22 Baking device
24 Encore!
25 Stiffly proper
28 Marsh
29 Spanish saint
30 Bright
31 Spot
33 One-celled animal
34 To denude
35 Pledge
36 Bond
38 Glacial ridges
39 Chart
40 Decree
41 District in Italy
43 Portuguese saint

- 44 Moslem name
46 To originate
48 Negative
51 Study
52 To emit
53 To cow
54 To follow
55 Judges
56 Preceded

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- 1 Branch
2 Inlet
3 Focusing
4 Rapid
5 Buddhist pillar
6 Beginning
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8 Dirk
9 Among the countries
10 Meadow
11 Barrel
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21 Woven
22 Belonging to
23 Endows
24 Interdiction
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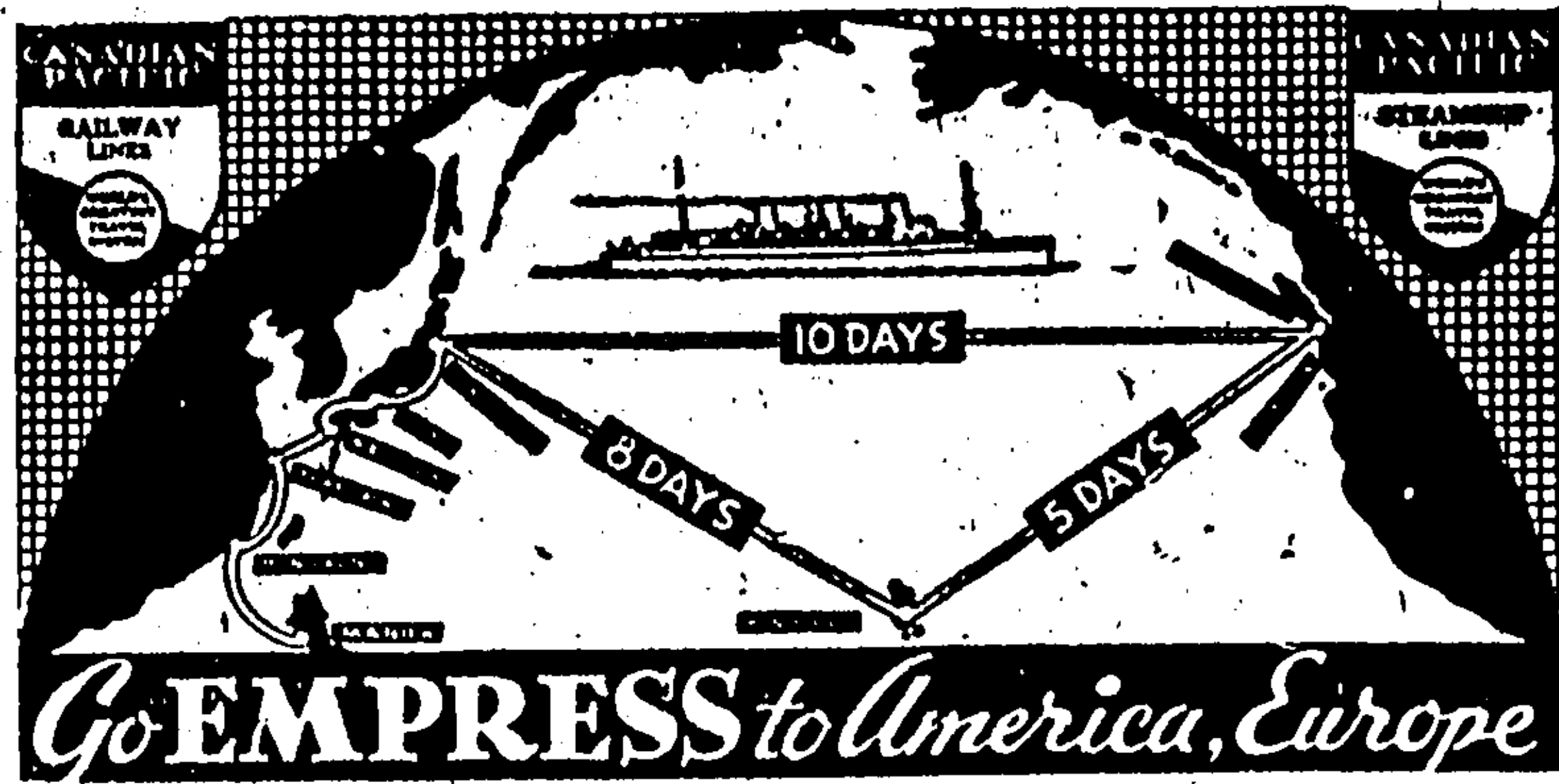
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Manilla Maru 3rd Jan. 39.BOMBAY & KARACHI via Singapore, Penang and Colombo
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Japan	Jan. 24	Jan. 26	—	Jan. 29	Jan. 31	Feb. 6	Feb. 11
Asia	Feb. 8	Feb. 10	Feb. 12	Feb. 14	Feb. 16	—	Feb. 25
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HEAVY DROP IN BUSINESS ON SHAMEEN

An exceptionally trying year with profits lower than since 1926 was reported by Mr. T. E. Pearce, chairman, at the annual ordinary meeting of the Hong Kong and Canton Ice Manufacturing Company, Ltd., held this morning at the offices of Messrs. The Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Co., Ltd.

Mr. Pearce said:—

As you will have seen from the Accounts the profit on Working Account for the year under review amounts to only \$690.02—the lowest since 1926. When addressing you last year I mentioned that there had been a falling off in Ice Sales as a result of the "political situation." You are aware this unfortunate state of affairs has continued, with the consequence our business has suffered severely—Ice Sales have dropped from 2533 tons to 566 tons and turnover, inclusive of cold storage revenue, from \$51,951.59 to \$17,663.96.

You will be pleased to know that your buildings and plant are intact and in good condition—despite numerous alterations to meet interrupted power supply, the latter functions efficiently. Your Engineer and his staff have had a trying time and we are indebted to them for their good work and loyalty under difficult conditions.

In view of the turn of events and bearing in mind the essentiality of the Company to Shameen residents your Directors approved the purchase of a 20 H.P. Oil Engine for the purpose of generating an independent power supply. This unit was installed in July last and accounts for the addition of \$3,955.63 under the heading Machinery and Ice Stores in the Balance Sheet. I am pleased to say that it has given exceptional service and had it not have been installed we would have had no alternative but to close down when the Canton Municipal Electric Power Administration ceased to function in October last. Power is now being obtained from the Shameen Municipal Plant.

Turning to the Accounts you will see that the usual scale of Depreciation has been applied—accounting for the sum of \$17,220.63. I trust you approve the charge.

The net position is that a loss of \$16,889.67 has been incurred during the year. After deducting the balance of \$1,329.77 brought forward from last year's Accounts there will be \$15,559.90 at the debit of Profit and Loss Account.

Mr. G. W. Sewell seconded and the Report and Accounts were adopted.

The Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell and Mr. D. F. Landale were re-elected directors on the motion of Mr. W. L. Alexander, seconded by Mr. C. Chan and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-elected auditors on the proposal of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Ho Kam-tong.

The following attended:—Messrs. T. E. Pearce, chairman, and Ho Kam-tong

LOCAL SHARE MARKET

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:—

BANKS

Hong Kong Bank \$1425 b., \$1420/25 sa.

INSURANCES

Cantons Ins. \$200 b.
China Underwriters 70 cts. s.

SHIPPING

Douglases \$63 b.
DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.

H. K. and K. Wharves \$115 b.
H. K. Docks (Old) \$18½ b., \$18¼/½ sa.

H. K. Docks (New) \$17.60 b., \$17¼/½ sa.

Providents (Old) \$6.35 b., \$6.35/40 sa.

Providents (New) \$6.15 b., \$6.15 sa.

MINING

Atamoks Ps. .55 sa.
Atoks Ps. .26½ sa.

Baguio Gold Ps. .23½ sa.
Baguet Consol. Ps. 14.20 sa.

Coco Grove Ps. .51 sa.
Consolidated Mines Ps. .003 sa.

I. X. L. Ps. .65 sa.
Paracale Gumaus Ps. .13 sa.

San Mauricio Ps. 1.78 sa.
Suyoc Consol. Ps. .19½ sa.

United Paracales Ps. .62 sa.

LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.

H. K. and S. Hotels \$6.85 b., \$7 s., \$6¾/6.85 sa.

H. K. Lands \$36¼ b.
Humphreys \$9 s.

H. K. Realities \$5.10 b., \$5/5.10 sa.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

H. K. Tramways \$17.40 b.
China Rights \$9½ b., \$9½ sa.

Rights \$3.70 b., \$3.60/70 sa.
H. K. Electrics \$57 b., \$57/57¼ sa.

Macao Electrics \$17¼ s.
Sandakan Lights \$10.60 s.

Telephones (Old) \$23 b.

INDUSTRIALS

Cements \$15½ b., \$15.60 sa.

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Dairy Farms \$24¼ s.
Watsons \$7.60 b., \$7.60/70 sa.

Lane, Crawfords \$8 s.

MISCELLANEOUS

Constructions \$1¼ s.
Vibro Piling \$6¼ b.

H. K. Govt. 4% Loan 6% pm. b.
Marsmans Inv. (Lon.) s/- 16/9 sa.

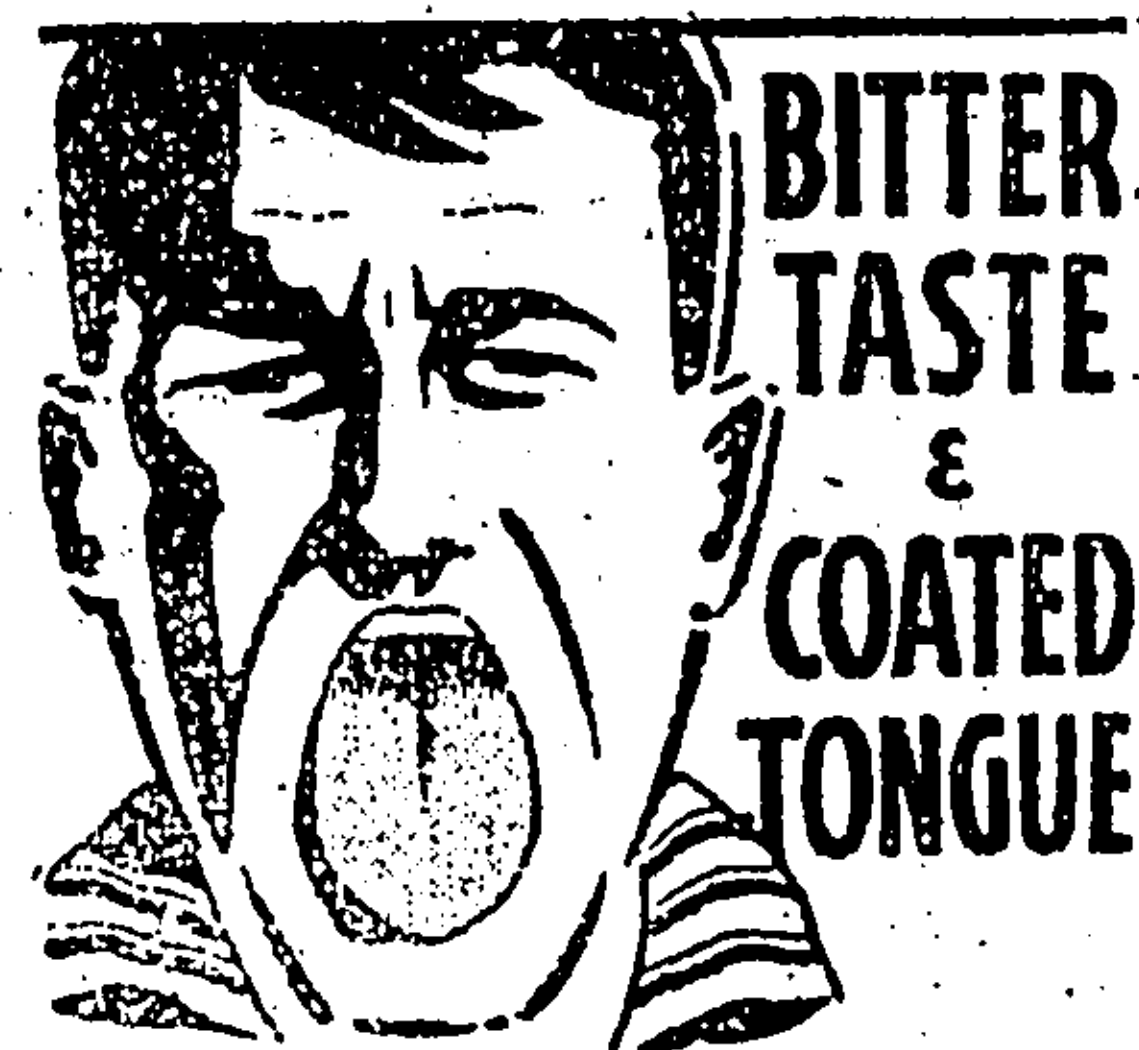
LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2-7/8.

"Spot" silver was quoted in London at 19-15/16 and forward at 19-5/8.

The London on New York rate was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.6593 and the New York on London rate at £—U.S.\$4.65-3/4.

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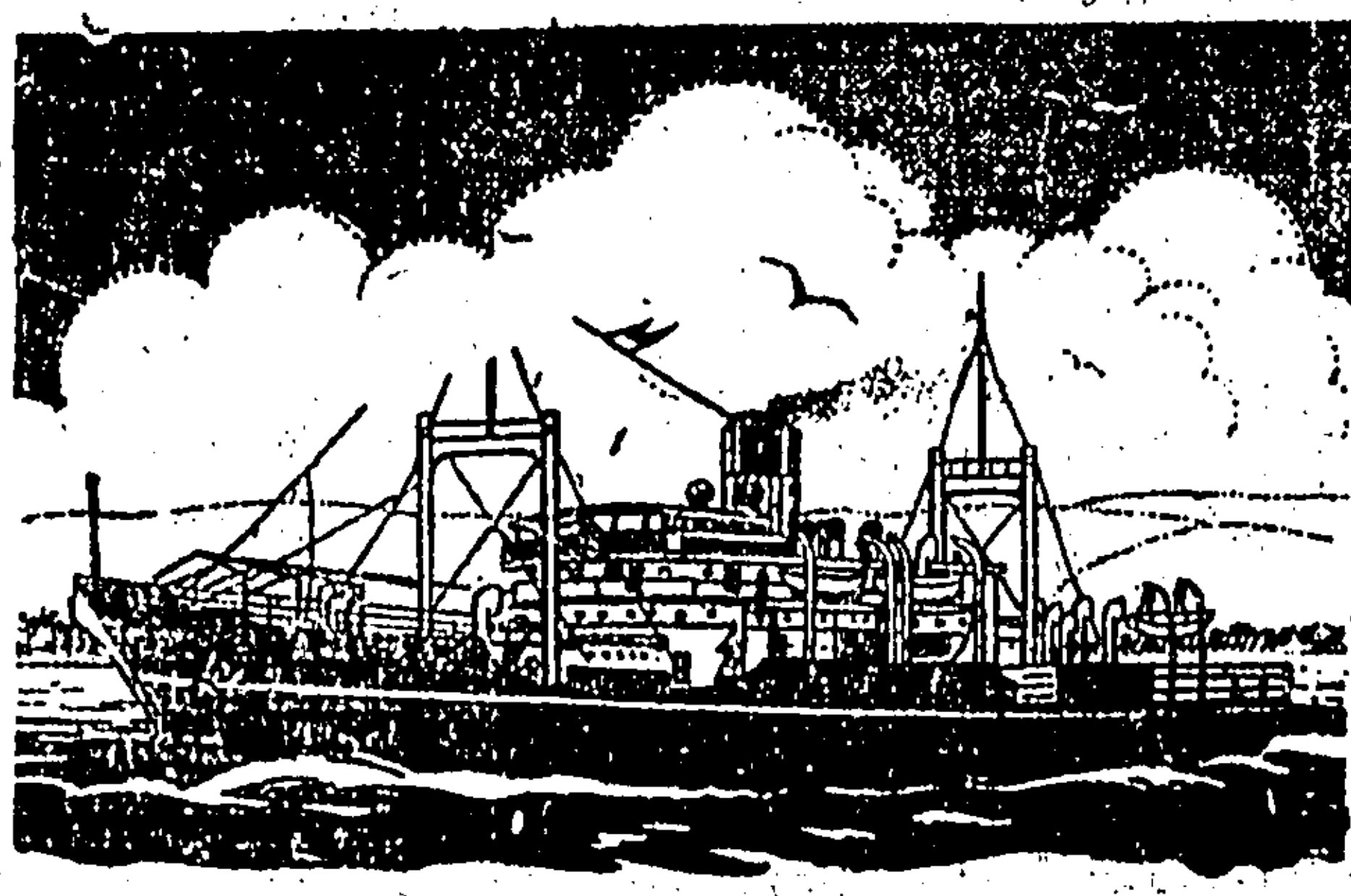
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"Yatshing" 5th Jan. Noon	"Kutsang" 7th Jan. 2 p.m.
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"Chaksang" 11th Jan. Noon	To HAIPHONG.
"Yusang" 15th Jan. Noon	"Yusang" 4th Jan. 3 p.m.
"Hangsang" 17th Jan. Noon	"Wosang" 7th Jan. Noon
"Wosang" 18th Jan. Noon	"Taisang" 11th Jan. 5 p.m.
"Tingsang" 20th Jan. Noon	"Esang" 19th Jan. 3 p.m.
To SHANGHAI, CHEFOO & TIENSIN	"Taksang" 26th Jan. 5 p.m.
"Taksang" 2nd Jan. 5 p.m.	
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INDIA BRINGS END TO OTTAWA AGREEMENT

London, To-day.

Formal notice has been received from the Government of India of the termination with effect from March 31, 1939, of the agreement between the Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of India concluded at Ottawa on August 20, 1932.

Notice of termination was given on behalf of the Government of India on May 13, 1936 as result of a resolution passed by the Indian Legislative Assembly.

The Government of India at the same time intimated its willingness to enter upon conversations with a view to conclusion of a new agreement. Negotiations were subsequently initiated and are still in progress.

BREAKDOWN NOT IMPLIED

It was agreed between the two Governments that the Ottawa Agreement should continue in force subject to termination at three months' notice by either party unless it was replaced by a new agreement.

The President of the Board of Trade recently stated in the Commons that the decision of the Government of India to terminate the Ottawa Agreement did not imply any breakdown in the negotiations for a trade agreement. — British Wireless.

INTRA-CLUB CRICKET GAME AT K.C.C. TO-MORROW

An intra-club cricket match will be played at K.C.C. to-morrow at 2 p.m. Teams are:

A team.—D. J. N. Anderson (Captain), R. E. Lee, S. V. Gittins, G. W. Giffen, H. F. Shields, L. W. Hume, E. C. and E. F. Fincher, K. M. Baxter, R. T. Broadbridge, A. Wright, A. N. Other.

B team.—W. Mulcahy, (Captain), W. L. McKenzie, J. R. Luke, H. Broken-shire, G. G. Davies, G. E. Taylor, G. A. Goodban, C. Walker, B. D. Lay, R. Baldwin, S. A. Gray, R. A. J. Simpson.

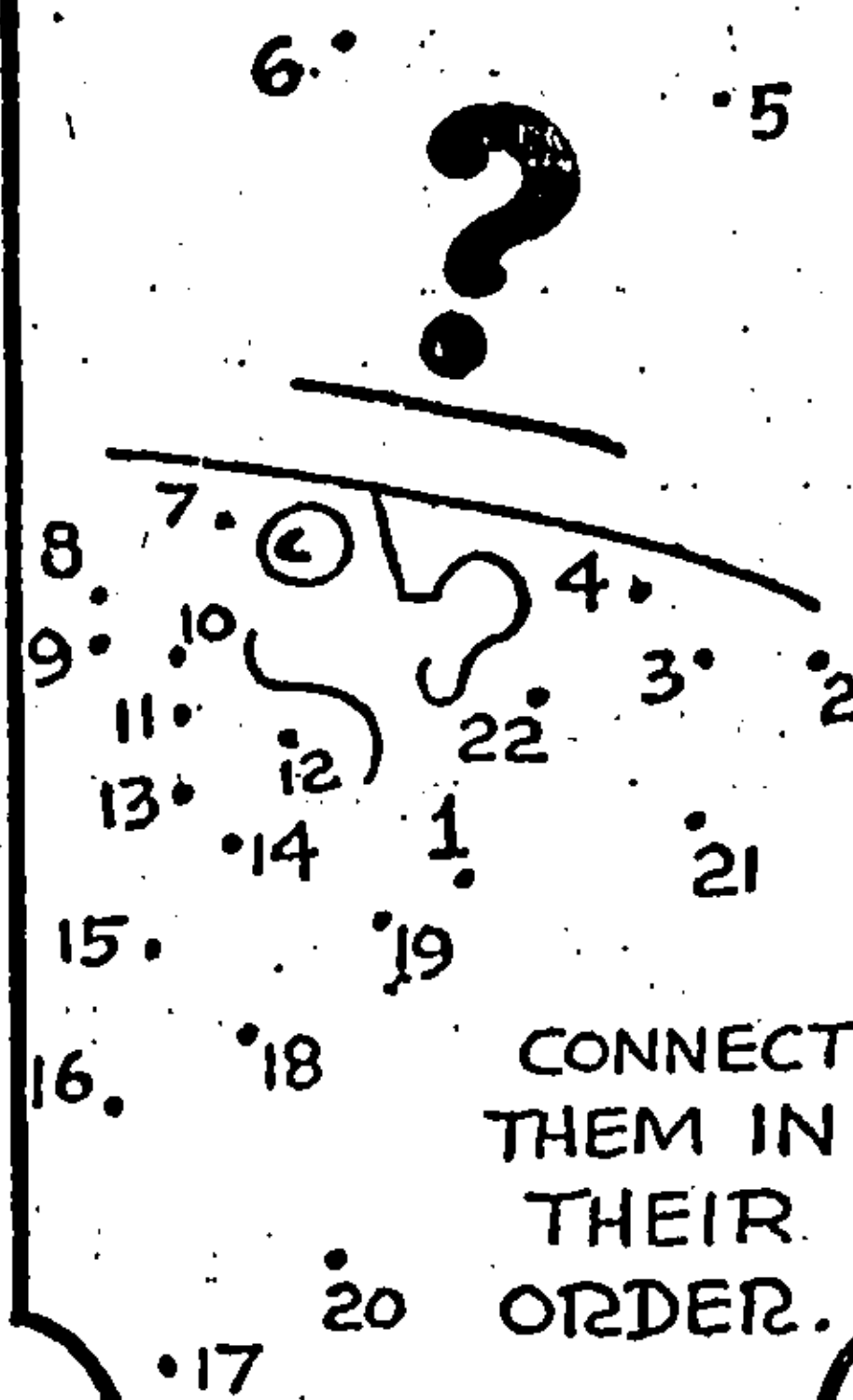
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DISTRESSING CONDITIONS ROUND NANKING

Shanghai, To-day.

The International Relief Committee in Nanking has issued a report on its investigations into changing economic conditions in and around Nanking.

The report gives a discouraging picture of the situation stating that this year's crops suffered considerably and are estimated to be greatly below average.

While grain produced in the vicinity of Nanking suffices for the population of the area, outward shipments are causing anxiety among dealers and consumers.

The scarcity of money, combined with widespread unemployment, holds out little prospect of a recovery of the formerly important Nanking industries.

Forty-four percent of Nanking's population are in condition of destitution.

Special trades catering for the needs of soldiers enjoy prosperity

and maintain a considerable number of persons.

The report says that although Nanking suffered greatly during the past year and the tribulations to which it is still exposed, farmers, workers, merchants put up a valiant struggle for livelihood. The general level of the life of the community, however, is distressingly low. —Trans-Ocean.

EWO BOWLING LEAGUE CONCLUDES

The Ewo indoor bowling league, "A" division, was brought to a conclusion last night at the Hong Kong Bowling Alleys when the Scoreless Wonders beat the Black Dog in the final by 251.

Scoreless Wonders, 1,376
Doc Molthan 183 172 131 436
Dick Venezia 205 131 146 432
Gene Faggiano 147 150 182 479
Ernie Hearther 141 132 156 429

Black Dog, 1,625.
R. H. Duddridge 179 158 143 480
Spr. J. Fawcett 146 131 143 429
Spr. A. Devonshire 135 141 117 393
S. A. Ismail 128 87 117 332

ARMY HOCKEY FINAL

The final of the Army Small Units knock-out hockey competition will be played at Sookunpoo at 4 p.m. to-morrow between Headquarters Wing and "C" Company of the Rajputana Rifles.

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Tennis Visitors Disappoint

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CHOA AND SZETO BICK SHOW PROMISE

(By "ADREM")

Obviously suffering from the extreme cold which prevailed yesterday afternoon and unable to accustom themselves in the time at their disposal to grass, the Philippines tennis champions, who arrived yesterday and gave exhibitions at the Kowloon Cricket Club, proved a trifle disappointing to the surprisingly large crowd that attended.

Leonardo Gavia, No. 1 ranking player in the Philippines, and Armado Sanchez, ranked No. 2, were opposed to the Tsui brothers and Szeto Bick, A. E. P. Guest and George Choa. The latter three, although not all first choices, will carry the colours of the Hong Kong L.T.A. in the Championships of Indo-China at Saigon next month and this opportunity was taken of giving them some practice against the well-known visitors.

Beyond the fact that Szeto Bick and Choa have undoubted promise as a doubles combination, it must be confessed that yesterday's exhibition revealed little else.

TSUI POACHES

Tsui Yan-pui and Guest, playing together for the first time, despite the fact that they led 4-1 in the first set, were never impressive in their double. Tsui tried to assume far too much of the responsibility with the result that the Filipino players found the gaps that resulted through Tsui's unwarranted "poaching" with the greatest of ease.

The most interesting game of the afternoon saw the Colony champion, Tsui Wai-pui, share two sets with Gavia.

UNIMPRESSIVE

In the first set, which the local man won, Gavia, despite a prolonged knock-up, never appeared at his ease with the low-bounding,

viciously-sliced strokes which Tsui delights in. In consequence, he was unable to drive in the manner in which he is obviously accustomed — flat and at the top of the bound.

He did show, however, uncanny control over his volleys. His stop-volley yesterday won him more points than any other stroke he brought into operation with the possible exception of his service, which was a powerful and accurate weapon of attack.

Sanchez was not impressive until the last two doubles games when, with his partner appearing to tire after his strenuous programme, he carried most of the burden.

WEAK OVERHEAD

In contrast with what we have been used to seeing in Hong Kong when visiting stars give exhibitions, both Gavia and Sanchez were woefully weak overhead, although this fact was not exposed until Guest started to bring his lob into operation near the end of the afternoon.

After making due allowances for the strange conditions and the fact that they were just off the boat, I feel that both Gavia and Sanchez will have to reveal considerably more skill in Saigon if they hope to distinguish themselves in the august company that will be assembled there.

(Continued at foot of next Col.)

At the Reception & Luncheon to His Majesty the King of Roumania given at the Guildhall on Wednesday, 16th November, the following wines were served —

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SOLDIERS' BATTING COLLAPSE

A splendid ninth wicket stand in the second innings, between Lt. Comdr. Kennedy and Mne. Moores, which realised 109 runs, paved the way for Royal Navy's win over Army by 82 runs, in their Triangular Tournament Cricket match on the Club ground yesterday.

Kennedy scored a fine century, reaching the boundary on 17 occasions, while Moores backed him up splendidly to keep his end up.

R. NAVY—1st Innings—118

ROYAL NAVY—2nd Innings

L. S. Smith, c Land, b Coombes	22
E. A. Clayton, c Godby, b Hatfield	1
S. P. O. Wanstall, b Godby	1
Lt. Manners, b Godby	10
Lt. Comdr. Kennedy, b Hatfield	100
Lt. Firth, lbw., b Land	31
Capt. Whitmarsh, b Coombes	1
Comdr. Lees, c Logan, b Godby	1
Lt. Talbot, c Hatfield, b Godby	7
Mne. Moores, c Land, b Godby	32
J. P. O. Tel. Paxton, not out	2
Extras	5

Total 238

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Godby	19	1	81	1
Hatfield	14.2	1	72	2
Coombes	8	0	27	2
Land	5	0	22	1
Swyers	3	0	23	0
Paterson	2	0	8	0

* bowled one no ball.
Fall of wickets:—1 for 0 (Clayton), 2 for 11 (Wanstall), 3 for 35 (Smith), 4 for 47 (Manners), 5 for 55 (Whitmarsh), 6 for 64 (Lees), 7 for 73 (Talbot), 8 for 122 (Firth), 9 for 230 (Moores), 10 for 238 (Kennedy).

ARMY—1st Innings—199

ARMY—2nd Innings

S. Sgt. Patterson, c Kennedy, b Manners	16
Driver Logan, lbw., b Paxton	4
Sgt. Land, st. Clayton, b Moores	26
Capt. Godby, c Paxton, b Whitmarsh	17
Cpl. Webb, b Whitmarsh	0
Major Swyers, c Lees, b Moores	0
Sgt. Baker, b Whitmarsh	1
Pte. Coombes, c Smith, b Moores	0
Pte. Hatfield, c Moores, b Whitmarsh	4
R. S. M. Paterson, not out	0
Capt. Lawrence, absent hurt	0
Extras	7

Total 75

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Paxton	6	0	20	1
* Moores	10.3	4	18	2
Capt. Whitmarsh	8	3	23	4
Lt. Manners	3	0	7	1

* bowled one no ball.
Fall of wickets:—1 for 15 (Logan), 2 for 47 (Patterson), 3 for 69 (Godby), 4 for 69 (Webb), 5 for 69 (Land), 6 for 69 (Coombes), 7 for 71 (Baker), 8 for 75 (Hatfield), 9 for 75 (Swyers).

sembled there.

As for Hong Kong's representatives, while we cannot expect them to bring home any championships, they will leave with the best wishes of the local tennis community and the hope that they will have an enjoyable holiday and profit by watching those stars who have already proved themselves.

Tsui Wai-pui drew with Leonard Gavia, 6-3, 3-6.
Tsui Yan-pui and A. E. P. Guest lost to L. Gavia and A. Sanchez, 6-8, 1-6.
Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yan-pui beat Sanchez and Gavia, 6-3, 6-3.
G. Choa and Szeto Bick drew with Gavia, and Sanchez, 4-6, 6-2.

CORRESPONDENCE

Treble Pool At Valley Suggested

"Rapier",

Racing Correspondent,
"China Mail".

Dear Sir,

I have a feeling that a "Treble Pool" at the Hong Kong Jockey Club meetings will prove an added attraction to the racing public. What do you think of it? If you are of the same opinion why not suggest it in your notes before the commencement of the New Year's programme. Judging by the support received by the "Double" and its popularity, I am sure, the innovation of a "Treble" will be warmly welcomed.

In many of the Racing Clubs in the East, Trebles are common and are usually better supported than the Doubles and in Hong Kong too it may be the same. Such an innovation will not only have the public support, but will also bring in an added revenue to the Club. I trust the Stewards will give a sympathetic ear to it. The 4th, 6th and 8th could be allotted as the necessary races.

If the running order of events are fixed after the entries are received, divided, handicapped etc., quite an interesting problem could be placed before the punters both in the Double and Treble than is now done by fixing the running order without knowing exactly what support each event is going to get. This arrangement ought not to place any extra labour on the officials or cause any inconvenience to the public, as it could be easily arranged and settled at the time the handicaps are published.

During the past year, we of the Public Enclosure have been put to a certain amount of inconvenience by not having satisfactory arrangements made both at the "Sellers and Ray out" windows. In this connection, quite a lot could be done if short rails were placed separating each window so that it may naturally force the callers to follow a queue formation. A lot of rush and unnecessary waste of energy could be avoided thus. Of course, this will bring a bitter protest from the crowd who promenade from window to window looking at the number of tickets sold on each horse. It is this crowd that usually causes all the obstruction.

At the present time their estimation of numbers always do not hold good as they are unaware how the backing in the members enclosure is. So there is at least one argument on our side. It could be done if short rails were in addition to this, if the crowd is discouraged and are allowed to back up their own opinion instead of merely backing a horse just because the majority of the crowd is after it, then we may see more respectable dividends declared than at present.

Then again more windows could be placed for likely favourites and nonentities may be grouped in twos or threes according to the field or as the case may demand.

Before closing, I have one more thought in mind and that is universal amongst the patrons of the public enclosure. When are we going to get a chance of watching the ponies at parade in the paddock? If the stewards give a little thought to the subject and spend a little money and time, I believe, it could be adjusted. There is quite a bit of room where the present bandstand is. The band could go a little more in towards the members stand and we wouldn't mind hearing it from a longer distance provided we have other advantages. By moving the rails dividing the public and member's enclosure a little and utilising the space a sufficiently large paddock could be managed. This will necessitate the construction of a rail with gates to allow the horses to be brought in from the stables. The passage taken will be narrow and the gates may be closed and opened to allow the members to move about once the horses are out or within the paddock. By adjusting these little things a long-felt grievance may be satisfactorily solved.

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FIRST DIVISION	
ARSENAL (3)	v Huddersfield (1)
BIRMINGHAM (-)	v Manchester U. (-)
BLACKPOOL (0)	v WOLVES (2)
BOLTON (1)	v Portsmouth (1)
Brentford (3)	v EVERTON (0)
DERBY (-)	v Aston Villa (-)
Grimsby (0)	v SUNDERLAND (2)
Leeds (2)	v Charlton (2)
LEICESTER (1)	v Chelsea (0)
LIVERPOOL (2)	v Preston (2)
SECOND DIVISION	
BLACKBURN (2)	v Stoke (1)
BURNLEY (3)	v Chesterfield (3)
COVENTRY (2)	v Tottenham (1)
FULHAM (-)	v Tranmere (-)
MANCHESTER C. (-)	v Bradford (-)
MILLWALL (-)	v Swansea (-)
NEWCASTLE (6)	v Sheffield U. (0)
Not's F. (1)	v Burnley (1)
WEDNESDAY (1)	v West Ham (0)
SOUTHAMPTON (4)	v Bury (1)
WEST BROM. (-)	v Plymouth (-)
THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)	
BOURNEMOUTH (5)	v Walsall (0)
BRIGHTON (2)	v Mansfield (0)

Bristol R. (1)	v Queen's P.R. (1)
Cardiff (3)	v Newport (1)
CLAPTON (1)	v Northampton (0)
Ipswich (-)	v Exeter (-)
PORT VALE (-)	v Bristol C. (-)
READING (8)	v Southend (2)
SWINDON (2)	v Aldershot (0)
Torquay (0)	v Notts C. (3)
WATFORD (1)	v Crystal P. (2)
THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)	
Barrow (-)	v Stockport (-)
BRADFORD C. (1)	v Hull (2)
Carlisle (3)	v Darlington (0)
CHESTER (1)	v Lincoln (1)
CREWE (2)	v Hartlepool (0)
DONCASTER (2)	v Wrexham (0)
Halifax (-)	v BARNLEY (-)
N. BRIGHAM (2)	v Accrington (1)
OLDHAM (4)	v Rochdale (2)
ROTHERHAM (3)	v York (0)
SOUTHPORT (0)	v Gateshead (0)
SCOTTISH LEAGUE (FIRST DIVISION)	
Arbroath (2)	v QUEEN'S P. (2)
Ayr (1)	v RANGERS (1)
CELTIC (2)	v Hearts (1)
FALKIRK (-)	v Raith (-)
Hibernian (6)	v Clyde (3)
Mathewson (2)	v Aberdeen (1)
PARTICK (-)	v Albion (-)
ST. PISTONE (6)	v Kilmarnock (2)
St. Mirren (4)	v QUEEN O'S. (2)
Third Lanark (1)	v Hamilton (1)

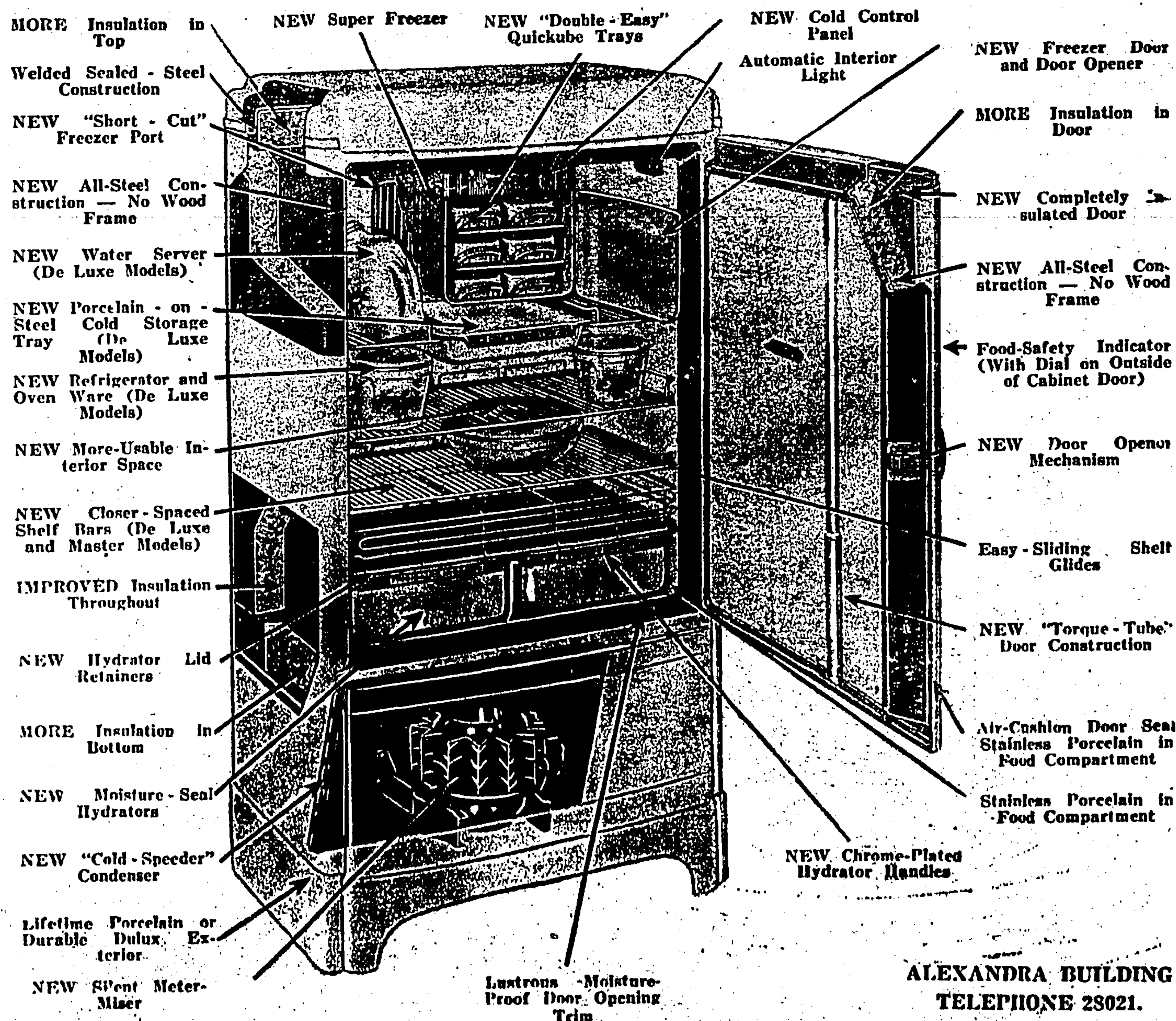
THREE PROBABLE DRAWS

Leeds v. Charlton
Cardiff v. Newport
Torquay v. Notts C.

TEAMS TO BE AVOIDED

Reading.—Should beat Southend but have hit a bad streak.
Derby.—Had a good Christmas showing, but the Villa want watching.
Everton.—Brentford are bucking up.

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MISS LUMB'S BID FOR ATLANTIC COAST SQUASH TITLE

Atlantic City (N.J.). — Miss Marriot Lumb, the British lawn tennis player, won her second round match in the women's Atlantic Coast squash rackets championship, beating Miss Sue Patterson, of Philadelphia, 15-8, 15-13, 15-5. Miss Lumb had drawn a bye into the second round.

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League Tables & Form Guide

COVERING the last five League matches, this guide to current form in the English and Scottish Football League indicates venue, opponent and result, with the most recent result on the extreme right column. (a18) indicates that the team played away to Team No. 18.

FIRST DIVISION

1	Arsenal	(h 3)	3-1	(a16)	0-1	(h20)	4-1	(a18)	0-0	(a 7)	0-1
2	Aston Villa	(a 5)	2-1	(h13)	2-1	(h11)	0-2	(a21)	5-1	(h21)	1-1
3	Birmingham	(h 6)	5-1	(a 4)	1-4	(a21)	0-1	(h17)	2-1	(a17)	2-2
4	Blackpool	(a17)	2-9	(h 3)	2-1	(a10)	0-4	(h12)	1-1	(a12)	0-3
5	Bolton	(a21)	2-2	(h 2)	1-2	(a22)	1-1	(a 7)	1-2	(a19)	2-2
6	Brentford	(h17)	2-1	(h 3)	1-5	(h16)	2-5	(a12)	2-1	(a18)	2-2
7	Charlton	(a 2)	0-2	(h22)	0-4	(a10)	4-1	(h 5)	2-1	(h 1)	1-0
8	Chelsea	(h12)	3-0	(a18)	1-2	(h15)	4-1	(a13)	1-1	(h13)	2-2
9	Derby	(a14)	3-2	(h17)	1-1	(a22)	0-0	(a10)	2-2	(h10)	2-1
10	Everton	(a19)	1-0	(h 7)	1-4	(h 4)	4-0	(h 9)	2-2	(a 9)	1-2
11	Grimsby	(a15)	2-2	(h14)	6-1	(a 2)	2-0	(h22)	2-4	(a22)	0-5
12	Huddersfield	(a 8)	0-3	(h19)	3-0	(h 6)	1-2	(a 4)	1-1	(h 4)	3-0
13	Leeds	(h21)	3-3	(a 2)	1-2	(a19)	0-2	(h 8)	1-1	(a 8)	2-2
14	Leicester	(h 9)	2-3	(a11)	1-6	(a20)	0-1	(a16)	0-3	(h16)	1-1
15	Liverpool	(h11)	2-2	(a21)	3-2	(a 8)	1-4	(a20)	1-3	(h20)	1-0
16	Manchester U.	(h 1)	1-0	(a 6)	5-2	(h17)	1-1	(h14)	3-0	(a14)	1-1
17	Middlesbro'	(h 4)	9-2	(a 9)	4-1	(a16)	1-1	(a 3)	1-2	(h 3)	2-2
18	Portsmouth	(h16)	0-0	(a20)	1-1	(h 8)	2-1	(h 1)	0-0	(h 6)	2-2
19	Preston	(a22)	0-3	(h10)	0-1	(a12)	0-3	(h13)	2-0	(h 5)	2-2
20	Stoke	(h18)	1-1	(a 1)	1-4	(h14)	1-0	(h15)	3-1	(a15)	0-1
21	Sunderland	(a13)	3-3	(h15)	2-3	(h 3)	1-0	(h 2)	1-5	(a 2)	1-1
22	Wolves	(a 7)	4-0	(h 5)	1-1	(h 9)	0-0	(a11)	4-2	(h11)	5-0

SECOND DIVISION

1	Blackburn	(a16)	3-1	(h14)	4-0	(a19)	1-1	(h 4)	1-0	(a 4)	4-2
2	Bradford	(a15)	1-3	(h21)	4-4	(h12)	3-0	(h 5)	0-0	(a 5)	2-2
3	Burnley	(h 9)	1-1	(a20)	1-4	(h 6)	1-0	(h18)	1-0	(a18)	0-1
4	Bury	(a11)	0-6	(h18)	3-1	(h20)	2-3	(a 1)	0-1	(h 1)	2-4
5	Chesterfield	(a 8)	0-5	(h13)	7-1	(h10)	3-0	(a 2)	0-0	(h 2)	2-2
6	Coventry	(h 7)	3-1	(a19)	2-1	(a 3)	0-1	(h14)	1-2	(a14)	2-0
7	Fulham	(h 8)	2-1	(a 6)	1-3	(h15)	1-2	(a22)	0-1	(a20)	1-5
8	Luton	(h 5)	5-0	(a10)	1-2	(h21)	3-1	(a13)	4-2	(h13)	1-0
9	Manchester C.	(a 3)	1-1	(h12)	4-1	(a17)	0-2	(a19)	9-3	(h19)	5-2
10	Millwall	(h21)	1-5	(a18)	0-4	(h 8)	2-1	(a 5)	0-3	(a22)	0-0
11	Newcastle	(a 9)	1-4	(h 4)	6-0	(a17)	1-0	(a14)	1-0	(h12)	4-0
12	Norwich	(a 1)	0-6	(h19)	2-0	(a 9)	1-4	(a 2)	0-3	(a11)	0-4
13	Notts F.	(h20)	3-3	(a 5)	1-7	(a15)	1-0	(h 8)	2-4	(a 8)	0-1
14	Plymouth	(h17)	0-0	(a 1)	0-4	(h11)	0-1	(a 6)	2-1	(h 6)	0-2
15	Sheffield U.	(h 2)	3-1	(a 7)	2-1	(h13)	0-1	(h16)	5-1	(a16)	2-2
16	Southampton	(h 1)	1-3	(a22)	2-1	(a18)	1-1	(a15)	1-5	(h15)	2-2
17	Swansea	(h 2)	2-1	(a14)	0-0	(h11)	0-1	(h 9)	2-0	(h21)	3-2
18	Tottenham	(h10)	4-0	(a 4)	1-3	(h16)	1-1	(a 3)	0-1	(h 3)	1-0
19	Tranmere	(a12)	0-2	(h 6)	1-2	(h 1)	1-1	(h 9)	3-9	(a 9)	2-5
20	Wednesday	(h14)	1-2	(a13)	3-3	(h 3)	4-1	(a 4)	3-2	(h 7)	5-1
21	West Brom.	(a10)	5-1	(h22)	3-2	(a 2)	4-4	(a 8)	1-3	(a17)	2-3
22	West Ham	(h 3)	1-0	(a21)	2-3	(h16)	1-2	(h 7)	1-0	(h10)	0-0

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

1	Aldershot	(h18)	1-0	(h 6)	1-1	(h 2)	2-1	(a 8)	0-3	(h 8)	2-1
2	Bournemouth	(h 7)	1-1	(a19)	2-4	(a 1)	1-2	(a 8)	0-3	(a 5)	0-1
3	Brighton	(a15)	1-1	(a14)	3-4	(a21)	2-0	(a 4)	0-2	(h 4)	1-0
4	Bristol C.	(a17)	2-2	(h21)	2-1	(h22)	2-0	(h 3)	2-0	(a 3)	0-1
5	Bristol R.	(a19)	1-2	(a22)	1-4	(a13)	1-2	(a11)	3-1	(h 2)	1-0
6	Cardiff	(a 1)	1-1	(a20)	3-1	(a 9)	1-1	(h16)	1-0	(a16)	0-5
7	Clapton	(h 2)	1-1	(h11)	0-0	(h10)	1-1	(a12)	1-2	(h20)	1-2
8	Crystal P.	(h17)	0-0	(h11)	6-2	(h 2)	3-0	(h 1)	3-0	(a 1)	1-2
9	Exeter	(a14)	1-2	(h13)	3-2	(a19)	1-2	(h 6)	1-1	(h18)	3-3
10	Ipswich	(a22)	0-0	(a 4)	2-3	(a 7)	1-1	(h11)	5-1	(a11)	1-0
11	Mansfield	(a 7)	0-0	(a 8)	2-6	(h 5)	1-3	(a10)	1-5	(h10)	0-1
12	Newport	(h16)	2-0	(h17)	2-0	(h 7)	2-1	(a19)	0-8	(h19)	6-4
13	Northampton	(a 9)	2-3	(h 5)	2-1	(h20)	4-1	(h15)	2-0	(a15)	2-0
14	Notts C.	(h 9)	1-3	(h 3)	4-3	(h19)	2-0	(a22)	1-0	(h22)	0-3
15	Port Vale	(h17)	0-2	(h 3)	1-1	(h18)	2-2	(a13)	0-2	(h13)	0-2
16	Queen P.R.	(a12)	0-2	(a22)	1-4	(h17)	2-2	(a 6)	0-1	(h 6)	5-0
17	Reading	(h 4)	2-2	(a12)	0-2	(a16)	2-2	(h21)	1-1	(a21)	0-3
18	Southend	(h 4)	2-0	(a 1)	0-1	(a13)	2-2	(a15)	2-2	(a 9)	3-3
19	Swindon	(h 2)	4-2	(h 9)	2-1	(a14)	0-2	(h12)	8-0	(a12)	4-6
20	Torquay	(h 3)	0-2	(h21)	0-1	(h 6)	1-3	(a13)	1-4	(h 7)	2-1
21	Walsall	(a20)	1-0	(a 4)	1-2	(h 3)	0-2	(a17)	1-1	(h17)	3-0
22	Watford	(h 5)	4-1	(h16)	4-1	(a 4)	0-2	(h14)	0-1	(a14)	3-0

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

1	Accrington	(h17)	0-5	(a18)	1-2	(h11)	1-2	(a 2)	1-4	(h 2)	0-2
2	Barnsley	(h10)	2-0	(a17)	1-2	(h16)	3-0	(h 1)	4-1	(a 1)	2-0
3	Barrow	(h18)	4-1	(a12)	2-1	(a14)	1-1	(h 4)	2-1	(a 4)	0-3
4	Bradford C.	(h22)	6-0	(a 5)	2-0	(a 8)	4-0	(a 3)	1-2	(h 3)	3-0
5	Carlisle	(a15)	3-2	(h 4)	0-2	(a12)	1-2	(a21)	5-2	(h21)	1-1
6	Chester	(a 7)	2-0	(a 8)	3-3	(a13)	0-3	(a12)	5-2	(h12)	8-2
7	Crewe	(h 6)	0-2	(h13)	0-1	(a10)	5-0	(a22)	1-4	(h22)	8-2
8	Darlington	(h15)	3-0	(h 6)	3-3	(h 4)	0-4	(a10)	2-0	(h10)	5-2
9	Doncaster	(h13)	1-0	(h20)	3-1	(a22)	2-2	(h18)	1-1	(a18)	0-0
10	Gateshead	(a 2)	0-2	(h15)	0-3	(h 7)	0-5	(h 8)	0-2	(a 8)	2-5
11	Halifax	(a12)	0-1	(h21)	2-3	(a 1)	2-1	(h14)	2-0	(a14)	0-0
12	Hartlepool	(h11)	1-0	(h 3)	1-2	(h 5)	2-1	(h 6)	2-5	(a 6)	2-8
13	Hull	(a 9)	0-1	(a 7)	1-0	(h 6)	3-0	(h15)	3-0	(a15)	1-6
14	Lincoln	(a18)	3-1	(a19)	1-4	(h 3)	1-1	(a11)	0-2	(h11)	0-0
15	New Brighton	(h 5)	2-3	(a10)	3-0	(a20)	1-1	(a13)	0-3	(h13)	6-1
16	Oldham	(a10)	2-0	(h21)	4-2	(a22)	1-4	(a 2)	0-3	(a20)	1-3
17	Rochdale	(a 1)	5-0	(h 2)	2-1	(h18)	0-1	(a19)	1-4	(h19)	5-0
18	Rotherham	(a 3)	1-4	(h 1)	2-1	(a17)	1-0	(a 9)	1-1	(h 9)	0-0
19	Southport	(a17)	1-0	(h14)	4-1	(a21)	3-4	(h17)	4-1	(a17)	0-5
20	Stockport	(a21)	1-2	(h 4)	2-2	(a 9)	1-3	(h15)	1-1	(h16)	3-1
21	Wrexham	(a16)	2-4	(h11)	3-2	(h19)	4-3	(h 5)	2-5	(a 5)	1-1
22	York	(a 4)	0-6	(h16)	4-1	(h 9)	2-2	(h 7)	4-1	(a 7)	2-8

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (FIRST DIVISION)

1	Aberdeen	(a14)	1-1	(a16)	6-3	(h 2)	2-1	(a17)	2-5	(h 5)	3-1
2	Albion	(h 9)	0-1	(a11)	2-4	(h 6)	3-0	(a 1)	1-2	(a16)	1-1
3	Arbroath	(h 5)	0-2	(h 4)	1-4	(a13)	1-3	(h18)	3-1	(a 8)	1-1
4	Ayr	(h18)	0-0	(a 7)	1-3	(h 3)	4-1	(a19)	1-2	(a22)	2-3
5	Celtic	(a 3)	2-0	(h10)	5-4	(a18)	1-2	(h19)	3-2	(a 1)	1-3
6	Clyde	(h 8)	4-3	(a 2)	0-3	(h 9)	2-6	(a11)	4-1	(h 7)	2-4
7	Falkirk	(h 4)	3-1	(a19)	2-1	(h12)	2-1	(h13)	2-5	(a 6)	4-2
8	Hamilton	(a 6)	3-4	(h15)	3-1	(h17)	2-1	(a 9)	3-2	(h 3)	1-1
9	Hearts	(a16)	2-1	(h11)	2-1	(a 6)	6-2	(h 8)	3-2	(h13)	5-0
10	Hibernian	(h19)	6-1	(a 6)	4-5	(h20)	1-1	(a12)	2-3	(a14)	1-2
11	Kilmarnock	(a 1)	2-1	(h 2)	4-2	(a 9)	1-2	(a15)	5-1	(h 6)	1-4
12	Motherwell	(a 5)	3-1	(h20)	5-1	(a18)	1-2	(a 7)	1-2	(h10)	3-2
13	Partick	(h18)	1-4	(a20)	4-2	(h 3)	3-1	(a 7)	5-2	(a 9)	0-5
14	Queen O'S.	(h 1)	1-1	(a17)	1-4	(h16)	4-2	(h15)	3-2	(h10)	2-1
15	Queen's Park	(h17)	2-3	(a 8)	1-3	(h11)	1-5	(a14)	2-3	(h18)	2-3
16	Raith	(h 9)	1-2	(a 1)	3-6	(a14)	2-4	(h 2)	1-1	(h20)	2-2
17	Rangers	(a15)	3-2	(h14)	4-1	(a 8)	1-2	(h 1)	5-2	(h19)	3-0
18	St. Johnstone	(a13)	4-1	(h12)	2-1	(h 5)	1-1	(a 3)	1-3	(a14)	3-2
19	St. Mirren	(a10)	1-6	(h 7)	1-2	(h 4)	2-1	(a 5)	2-3	(a17)	0-3
20	Third Lanark	(a12)	1-5	(h13)	4-2	(a10)	1-1	(h 4)	3-2	(a16)	2-2

Home Football Tables To Date

First Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Derby	22	14	5	4	44	26	33
Everton	22	14	2	6	46	24	30
Wolves	22	10	7	5	38	17	27
Charlton	21	11	4	6	31	26	26
Liverpool	22	9	7	6	37	33	25
Middlesbro'	22	9	6	7	46	36	24
Grimsby	22	8	7	7	32	35	23
Leeds	22	8	6	8	37	40	22
Aston Villa	22	9	4	9	37	33	22
Arsenal	21	6	9	6	24	20	21
Stoke	22	7	7	8	31	39	21
Bolton	21	6	8	7	32	31	20
Portsmouth	21	6	8	7	23	32	20
Sunderland	22	7	6	9	28	35	20
Manchester U.	22	6	8	8	30	30	20
Blackpool	22	6	7	9	28	38	19
Preston	21	7	5	9	27	32	19
Huddersfield	23	7	5	11	31	36	19
Chelsea	22	7	5	10	39	43	19
Leicester	23	5	8	10	27	41	18
Brentford	21	6	5	10	28	44	17
Birmingham	23	7	3	13	47	27	17

Studio Violin And Piano Recital

12-12-20 p.m.—Relay of a Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.
12-20 p.m.—Georges Thill (Tenor) and Light French Programme.
Musette Et Tambourin (Rameau) ... Orchestre Symphonique directed by Francois Ruhlmann.
Enlevement (Levade); Barchetta (Hahn) ... Georges Thill (Tenor).
Coppelia Ballet (Dance of the Automations and Waltz—Delibes) ... San Francisco Symphony Orchestra conducted by Alfred Hertz.
Jean-Francois et Marie-Claire (from Revue of the Folies Bergere "Folie en Fleurs") ... Carmen Torres and Robert Buguet with Orchestra and Chorus of the Folies Bergere.
L'Angelus De La Mer (from Revue of the Folies Bergere "Folie en Fleurs") ... Dania with Orchestra and Chorus of the Folies Bergere.
Sylvia. Ballet—Fantasy (Delibes) ... Marcel Palotti (Organ).
Le Lieutenant Souriant (Oscar Strauss); Le Chant Du Marin (G. Van Parys) ... Adrian Lamy (Vocal) with Orchestra.
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Elgar—Epigra Variations, Op. 36. The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Adrian Boult.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Old Dance Favourites.
Fox-Trots—I'm Putting All My Eggs In One Basket (film "Follow the Fleet"); But Where Are You (film "Follow the Fleet") ... Guy Lombardo & His Royal Canadians with vocal refrain.
March Fox-Trot—We Saw The Sea (film "Follow the Fleet"); Fox-Trot—If You Love Me ... Ray Noble & His Orchestra with vocal refrain.
Waltz—One Life, One Love; Tango—

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Beside My Caravan ... The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra with vocal refrain.
Fox-Trot—Get Thee Behind Me Satan (film "Follow the Fleet") ... Richard Himber & His Ritz-Carlton Orchestra with vocal refrain.
Fox-Trot—Streamline—You Turned Your Head ... Carroll Gibbons & The Savoy Hotel Orpheans with vocal chorus.
Fox-Trots—June In January (film "Here is My Heart"); With Every Breath I Take (film "Here is My Heart") ... Richard Himber & His Ritz-Carlton Orchestra with vocal refrain.
Fox-Trot—An Earful Of Music (film "Kid Millions") ... Rudy Vallee & His Connecticut Yankees with vocal refrain by Rudy Vallee.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6 p.m.—Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.
(a) Lovelight in the Starlight; (b) The Yam; (c) Basin Street Blues; (d) Swing low, Sweet Chariot.
6.14 p.m.—Record: Berceuse De Jocelyn (Godard); Melody In F (Rubinstein) ... Edward O'Henry playing on the Organ of 'Madame Tussand's' Cinema, London.
6.21 p.m.—(a) My Own; (b) Song of India; (c) You're as pretty as a picture; (d) Humoresque.
6.35 p.m.—Records: Whispers At The Dance (From Meyer-Helmund's Lied); Maria Mari (di Capua) ... Serge Krish Septet.
"The King Steps Out"—Waltz Medley ... The Keyboarders (Two Pianos and Drums).
6.44 p.m.—(a) Hillbilly from 10th Avenue; (b) Ti-Pi-Tin; (c) Hawaii Calls; (d) The Snake Charmer.

7 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.
7.02 p.m.—Charlie Kunz, Sidney Gustard, Three Musketeers, Harry Tate, Zarah Leander and Bob Crosby & His Orchestra.
Grasshoppers' Dance (Bucalossi) ... Sydney Gustard playing on the Organ of Gaumont Palace Cinema, Chester.
Love makes women beautiful (from German film "Homeland"); Three Stars shine in the Sky (from German film "Homeland") ... Zarah Leander (Vocal) with Orchestra (Sung in German).
Ballerina (Boots) ... The Three Musketeers (Vocal) and Rae Jenkins Buskers.
Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. R. 24. Intro: In the Chapel in the Moonlight; Did your Mother come from Ireland; Sing, Baby, Sing; When did you leave Heaven?; I Dream of San Marino; When a Lady meets a Gentleman down South ... Charlie Kunz (Piano) with Rhythm Accompaniment.
Running An Office (Tate) ... Humorous Sketch by Harry Tate and Company.
Muskrat Ramble—Fox-Trot; Dixieland Shuffle—Fox-Trot ... Bob Crosby & His Orchestra.
On The Sunny Side Of The Rockies (Tobias); The Last Hansom Cabby (Wallace) ... The Three Musketeers (Vocal) and Rae Jenkins' Buskers.
Caprice Viennois (Kreisler) ... Sydney Gustard playing on the Organ of Gaumont Palace Cinema, Chester.
Longing (from German film "To New Shores") ... Zarah Leander (Vocal) with Orchestra (Sung in German).
Charlie Kunz Piano Medley, No. D. 2. Intro: One, Two, Button your Shoe; On your toes; Goodnight my love; Harbour lights; There's something in the air; May I have the next romance with you? ... Charlie Kunz at the Piano.
Big Chief De Soto—Novelty Fox-Trot; Cross Patch—Fox-Trot ... Bob Crosby & His Orchestra with vocal refrain.
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Studio—Recital by Molly

"The B.B.C.'s Overseas Service"

O'Halloran (Violin) and Claire Hartie (Piano).
1. Mina-Rosa—Selection (Romberg).
2. Czardas—Violin Solo (Monti).
3. On Wings of Song (Mendelssohn). The Lotus-Flower (Schumann).
4. Tears in my Heart (Powell). The Sweetest Song in the World (Parr-Davies).
8.35 p.m.—London Palladium Orchestra and Derek Oldham (Tenor).
I Hear You Calling Me (Marshall, arr. Haydn Wood); Bird Of Love Divine (Haydn Wood) ... The London Palladium Orchestra conducted by Richard Crea.
Always ("Puritan Lullaby"—Dyrenforth & Smith); Castles In The Air (Ross-Lincke) ... Derek Oldham (Tenor) with Orchestra.
The Golden Valse (arr. Winter) ... The London Palladium Orchestra cond. by Richard Crea.
Under The Lilac Bough ("Lilac Time"—Ross-Clutsum) ... Derek Oldham with Orchestra.
9 p.m.—London Relay—"Food for Thought". Three short talks on matters of topical interest.
9.20 p.m.—Songs by Marta Eggerth (Soprano).
A Longing Fiercely Burns Me (from German film "Always, When I am happy"); Vienna, Where The Waltz Was Born (from German film "Always, When I am happy") ... With Orchestra.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.50 p.m.—Schumann—Fantasia In C Major, Op. 17. Played by Wilhelm Backhaus (Piano).
10.20 p.m.—Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) and B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra.
Overture "Portsmouth Point" (Walton) ... The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Adrian Boult.
The Admiral's Broom (Bevan); He Heard The Great Sea Calling (Andrews); Devon, O Devon ("Songs of the sea"—Stanford) ... Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Male Chorus in last song.
Crown Imperial (A Coronation March—1937—Walton) ... The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Adrian Boult with Berkeley Mason (Organ).
10.45 p.m.—London Relay—"The B.B.C.'s Overseas Service". A talk by the Director of Overseas Services.
11 p.m.—Close down.

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In a recent rubber Bridge game we watched the Declarer almost throw away a laydown contract by means of a totally unnecessary false card, only to see a defending player throw it right back by means of the worst false card there is—in a suit in which partner has already shown out.

The bidding is worthy of comment. South's opening bid was a minimum, and his rebid to three spades was optimistic, if anything. West's overcall was of course based on the score. North's raise was quite sound, as was East's bid of three clubs. Finally, East made the mistake of making a gambling double of the three-spade bid.

South, Dealer
North-South vulnerable
North-South 60 on score

♠ K 10 7 6 4
♥ Q 4 3 2
♦ 8 6 5
♣ 6

♠ 5
♥ A K 10
♦ 9 8
♣ 10 7 4 2

♠ 9 7 3
♥ N
♦ W
♣ S

♠ A Q 9 8 3
♥ J 6 5
♦ A 3
♣ Q J 4

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	2♥	3♠	3♣
3♠	Pass	Pass	DBL
Pass	Pass	Pass	

The King of hearts was opened, and if Declarer had counted the

hand correctly, he would have seen immediately that should he play a low heart from his own hand, there would be no way of beating the contract. However, he overlooked this and instead started out by false-carding with the 'Jack of hearts'. Naturally this false card did not stop West from continuing the suit, since his partner had dropped the seven. Accordingly West continued with the Ace of hearts, East discarding a low club. And now came the really amazing play of the hand. Instead of playing the ten of hearts, West for some unknown reason played the eight-spot. Declarer played low in dummy and East, who was now certain that Declarer must hold the ten of hearts, promptly trumped and laid down the King of diamonds. Declarer won with the Ace, drew trumps, discarded his losing diamond on dummy's Queen of hearts and conceded one club trick to make his contract.

It should be noted that if West had made the sensible play of the ten of hearts, East would have discarded instead of ruffing. Then West would have led another heart, forcing out dummy's Queen. East would have ruffed and Declarer would have been unable to get his diamond discard.

In closing, we would like to give a little rule, which is: Never false-card when your partner has already shown out of a suit. You cannot fool Declarer, but will surely fool your partner.

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What's On At the Cinemas

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BANK MANAGER'S STORY OF DAYS AS HOSTAGE IN ARAB CAMP

Jerusalem, To-day.

"For many moments I thought my last moment had come," said Mr. Louis Le Bouvier, British manager of the Ottomon Bank, to Reuter, on his arrival in Jerusalem after being kidnapped a few days ago by Arab rebels.

Mr. Le Bouvier revealed that a sum of money was paid as ransom when he was released.

On reaching Jerusalem, the Briton was sitting beside the driver of a police car, talking in animated manner. He had no hat but appeared well.

CHILDREN OF SIX IN JOSS STICK FACTORY

A fine of \$100 was imposed on Leung Wing-shing, owner of a joss stick factory at No. 152, Queen's Road West, when a representative pleaded guilty to employing six girls between the ages of 6 and 8 years.

Mr. D. W. Phillips, Inspector of Factories, said that children under 14 were forbidden to be employed in factories. The business was not a big one, but defendant had a large factory in Kowloon and knew the regulations.

The children were presumably there to assist their mothers, who were on piece work and made, probably, about 20 cents a day.

FALL OR JUMP FROM TOP FLOOR

Following a fatal fall from a height, the body of a police messenger, Fung Pui, 26, was removed to the Public Mortuary this morning, from Queen's Road Central.

It is believed that the deceased jumped from the top floor of the Ko Shing tea house, at about 8.30 a.m.

Mrs. R. Hancock, of No. 286 The Peak, has reported the loss of a ladies' dress belt, valued at \$16, at the Peninsula Hotel yesterday.

The bank manager described his experiences as hostage for three days and nights in the barren hills known in the Scriptures as the "Wilderness of Christ's Temptation."

Mr. Le Bouvier said that when his car was rounding a bend he was suddenly confronted by ten men with levelled rifles. He was forced to alight and was led away to the hills on foot. He had to march all night.

An hour after his capture a low-flying aeroplane passed overhead, and he was made to crouch low amidst the boulders.

SECRET CAVES

During his period of captivity the band marched at night and rested during the day in secret caves.

Mr. Le Bouvier warmly praised the kindness of Suleiman, the chief of the kidnappers, who was solicitous as to his welfare and shared food and water with him while the other members of the gang argued his fate.

At one time Mr. Le Bouvier was led off under armed guard while the gang conferred.

Mr. Le Bouvier described how he played draughts with the bandits, using pebbles as counters.

The bandits shared out the Briton's clothes, and Suleiman purloined his wrist-watch.

RIDE ON A DONKEY

When released, Mr. Le Bouvier was given a "passport" written in Arabic and signed by Suleiman, requesting all to give him safe passage.

Mr. Le Bouvier took his bearings from the sun and walked eastward until he reached a Greek monastery, where he stayed the night. The Greek monks escorted him to Jericho, Mr. Le Bouvier making the journey astride a donkey.—Reuter.



Five baby tiger cubs, nine weeks old made their first public appearance at the London Zoo. They are Andy, Maurice, Una, Rosie, and Sonia, and their parents are Amur, giant Siberian tiger which is the only one of its kind in captivity in England, and Jezebel, an Indian tigress. Jezebel is one of the fiercest tigresses in the Zoo, and the cubs were taken away from her shortly after birth as it was feared she would kill them. She has destroyed all her previous litters. Incidentally, the cubs are the first to live longer than 24 hours after being born at the London Zoo.

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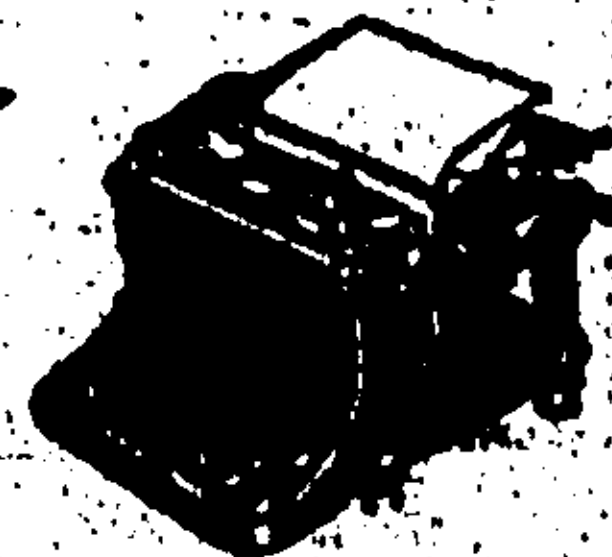
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